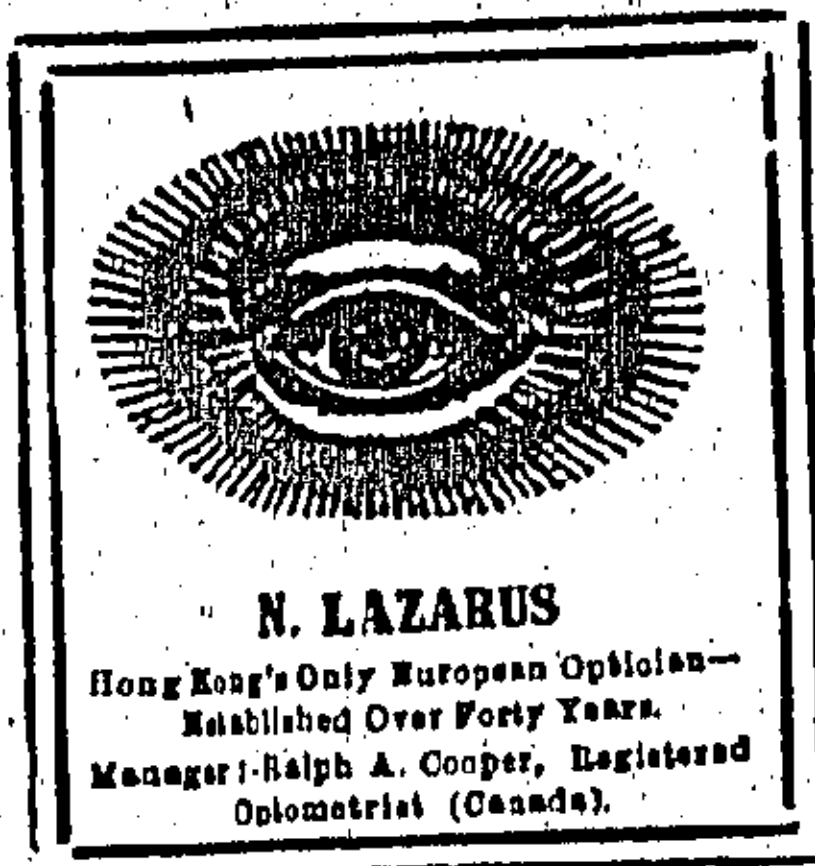
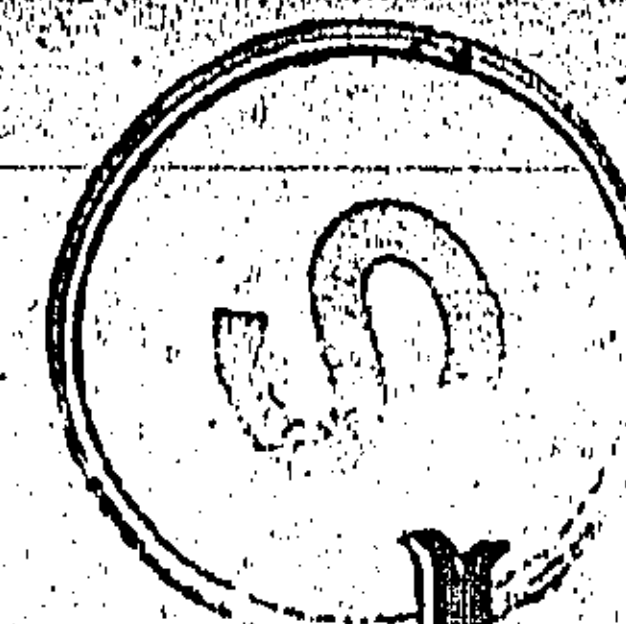




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AMERICA'S CHINA POLICY.

INDEPENDENT ACTION IS MOST LIKELY.

WILL PROBABLY NEGOTIATE FOR NEW TREATY.

INCIDENTS AT ICHANG.

To-day's telegrams show that there is the probability of differences between the United States and Britain regarding their respective policies in China, and apparently America will not follow Britain's lead of extensive concentration of forces in the Orient.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has approved a motion that the United States act independently of other nations in its dealing with China, and President Coolidge will be asked to negotiate with China for a new Treaty replacing the existing Treaties.

The troopship Megantic has left Liverpool with Major General John Duncan, and it is expected that all units in England destined for China will be ready to sail before the week-end. Marines embarking at Portsmouth have been given a hearty send-off.

The situations at Shanghai and Hankow are quiet, but at Ichang the B. A. T. and Ewo premises were commandeered yesterday; they are, however, no longer in Chinese occupation.

London, Jan. 25. The a.s. Megantic has left Liverpool for Malta with Major General John Duncan, who will complete his staff at Malta, the Chief of which will be Viscount Gort V. C.

It is expected that all units in England will be ready to sail before the week-end.

Six hundred of the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the Coldstream Guards who have volunteered for service in China have joined the 2nd Battalion at Wellington Barracks to-day.

The report that General Sir Charles Harington will be appointed Commander-in-Chief in China is authoritatively described as baseless, and it is pointed out that such an appointment would indicate a state of war which does not exist and is not anticipated.

Two flights of the R. A. F. and eight naval ratings have also embarked on the Minnesota, the latter being reliefs for crews on the Ching Station.—*Reuter*.

BIG SEND OFF.

MARINES EMBARK AT PORTSMOUTH.

London, Jan. 25. The transport Zealand, which has been re-named Minnesota, moored at Portsmouth at 9 o'clock this morning gladdening the hearts of the Marines who have been "kicking their heels" in barracks for a week impatient to depart to China.

The battalion marched from barracks to the Minnesota in the afternoon, and was cheered by huge crowds along a three-mile route with bands playing and the men singing and whistling.

It is not likely that the Minnesota will depart before morning.—*Reuter*.

A DISCREDITED REPORT.

CONCERNING AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

London, Jan. 25. It is learned from a well-informed source that so far, no offer has been made by the Australian and New Zealand Governments to send troops to China as suggested in a message from Eeking.

In the absence of confirmation from Australia and New Zealand and in view of the fact both Mr. Bruce and Mr. Coates are now proceeding home and that such decisions could scarcely be taken in their absence there is little disposition to credit such reports.—*Reuter*.

AMERICAN POLICY.

EXPECTED TO DIFFER FROM BRITAIN.

Washington, Jan. 25. President Coolidge is represented as seeing a wide difference between the British and American problems in China, since America is without Concessions there. Hence there are possibilities of differences on general policy.

SHANGHAI FORCE.

THE BRITISH ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

WELL-KNOWN OFFICERS.

London, Jan. 25th. The following appointments have been made to the Shanghai Defence Force, which is coming East:—

COMMANDER.
Commander—Major General John Duncan.

GENERAL STAFF.

General Staff Officer, Grade 1.—Colonel the Viscount Gort, V.C.
General Staff Officer, Grade 2.—Major the Hon. P. G. Scarlett, of the Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
General Staff Officer, Grade 2.—Major R. D. Bennett, of the Middlesex Regiment.
General Staff Officer, Grade 3.—Captain J. F. Ferguson, of the Durham Light Infantry.
General Staff Officer, Grade 3.—Captain E. R. Kennedy, of the Indian Army.

ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER'S BRANCH.

Assistant Adjutant General and Quarter Master General.—Colonel W. D. S. Brownrigg, of the Sherwood Foresters.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General.—Major J. A. Churchill, of the Durham Light Infantry.

Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General.—Major M. J. A. Jourdain, of the East Surrey Regiment.

Staff Captain.—Captain B. O. Hutchison, of the 7th Hussars.

SERVICES BRANCH.

Officer Commanding the Royal Army Service Corps.—Lieut.-Col. D. C. Cameron.

Assistant Director of Medical Services.—Colonel H. Ensor.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services.—Colonel C. M. Stephens.

Senior Veterinary Officer.—Major L. Daniels.

PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS.

Aides-de-Camp.—Lieut. Knight, of the 8th Hussars, and Captain Stopford, of the Royal Artillery.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Base Commandant Colonel and "Colonel on Staff"—Colonel H. C. Martelli.

Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General.—Major W. W. Wagstaff, of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.—Captain J. A. Jervis, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Senior Chaplain.—Rev. M. W. Shewell.

Attached Royal Artillery Officer.—Lieut.-Col. T. G. G. Heywood.

Chief Royal Engineer.—Major E. A. H. James.

BRIGADE COMMANDERS.

13th Infantry Brigade Commander.—Colonel W. A. Blake.

14th Infantry Brigade Commander.—Colonel Sir J. L. Burnett, of Leys.

20th Indian Infantry Brigade Commander.—Colonel P. B. Sangster.—*Reuter*.

CARETAKER SELLS FURNITURE.

GETS THREE MONTHS' SENTENCE.

Employed as caretaker by Mr. Lee Kwan-sang, at No. 15, Cameron Road, a Chinese abused the trust placed in him, and, during his master's absence, sold a quantity of the furniture, realising a sum of \$500, which he was alleged to have converted to his own use. On a charge of larceny, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the caretaker was prosecuted by Mr. F. H. Loseby, who intimated that a civil action would be taken against the purchaser. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

TRAFFIC QUARREL IN CANTON.

RICKSHAMEN THREATEN BUS EMPLOYEES.

THREATS BY UNION.

Trouble still continues in Canton between the ricksha coolies and the motor bus companies. Yesterday, the Garrison Headquarters gave instructions to the Police Department ordering that proper protection be accorded to the chauffeurs and other employees of the bus companies who are being threatened by the ricksha coolies.

Recently, the Coolies' Union demanded, under threat of a general strike, that the Government shorten the bus lines and not allow the buses to stop more than once on each trip. The request was granted a few days ago, but the Union leaders were still not satisfied and they then communicated to the bus companies that unless a more satisfactory reply to their demands were given they would not be responsible for the safety of the companies' staff.

The bus companies reported this matter to the Government, pointing out that the authorities should not allow such unlawful actions to prevail.

FRENCH FINANCES.

AN OPTIMISTIC REPORT.

Paris, Jan. 25. M. Poincare gave an optimistic review of French finances since the Government entered office in July before the Chamber Finance Committee, showing an improvement in State credit, the Treasury position, revenue returns and the exchange value of the franc.

He added that for the first time since 1922 the Government had effected a statutory annual reimbursement of two milliard francs to the Banque de France and declared that the Treasury now possesses a reserve in foreign currency sufficient for the service of all foreign loans in 1927.

M. Poincare said it was hoped to maintain the present exchange of 122-123 to the £ sterling as long as economic and political circumstances permitted. He deprecated precipitate stabilisation by law.

FLYING TROPHY.

AWARDED TO PELLETIER D'OISY.

Paris, Jan. 25. The International Aeronautic Federation has awarded the Clifford Harmon Trophy of 10,000 francs and the Gold Medal to Pelletier d'Oisy.—*Reuter*.

ROYAL TOUR.

H.M.S. RENOWN IN PANAMA CANAL.

London, Jan. 25. A message from Gatun, says that H.M.S. Renown has arrived there, and is traversing the Panama Canal.—*Reuter*.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

LATEST BRITISH FIGURES.

London, Jan. 25. The Ministry of Labour announced on January 17th, that the total number of unemployed was 1,391,000. This was 41,014 less than a week ago, but 175,125 more than a year ago.—*British Wireless*.

NEW TITLE.

VISCOUNT CRAIGAVON.

London, Jan. 25. The Premier of Ulster, Sir James Craig, becomes Viscount Craigavon.—*Reuter*. (He received his Viscountcy in the New Year Honours.)

"SUNNING" TRIAL.

THREE PRISONERS DISCHARGED.

A FORMOSAN'S DEFENCE.

It was indicated yesterday afternoon that of the prisoners charged in connection with the Sunning piracy at the Criminal Sessions, Nos. 7, 9, and 14 would be discharged owing to insufficient evidence, and this morning Mr. Justice Wood directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty" in respect of these men.

In doing so, his Lordship said the jury were not present in Court to listen to the argument, but as a result of that argument he had decided to withdraw the case against Nos. 7, 9, and 14 prisoners. The responsibility for doing so was his, and he did so because the evidence produced against them was so slight. He relieved the jury of that responsibility, and directed their verdict, as regards these prisoners, to be "Not Guilty". The prisoners were accordingly released.

GRAVITY OF CHARGE.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, who defended the three prisoners discharged, also appears for No. 8 and he proceeded to put forward the defence of the latter prisoner. He said that, first of all, he would like to remind the jury of the gravity of the charge and the gravity of the issue, and it was for them and them alone to decide what the evidence against the men was. The Assistant Attorney General had told them, in his opening, that it was a life or death offence, practically the same as murder, and they should apprehend it with exactly the same way.

QUESTION OF IDENTITY.

Speaking with regard to identity, Mr. Alabaster continued, they would remember that the case depended on identity. Not only had they to find that certain acts had been committed, but it was the duty of the Crown to satisfy them beyond all reasonable doubt that any particular act was committed by a particular person, and not by someone else who might resemble him.

The records of Courts were full of cases where people had suffered, in some cases the death penalty, others long terms of imprisonment, for offences which were committed by persons whom they closely resembled. A case which created a stir in England some twenty-five years ago was perhaps within their recollection. It was a case in which a man named Smith had been convicted and sentenced for certain offences against women. After he was discharged, another man was charged with a similar offence. He was identified by a large number of women, and also identified as the same person as Smith. Consequently he was sentenced to a longer term of imprisonment than he otherwise would have been, because of his supposed previous conviction. After he had served that sentence, he was arrested again on a similar charge and was again identified as the person previously convicted. He was again sentenced to a long term, which was only broken by the arrest and confession of the original Smith. There were numerous other cases.

Mr. Alabaster said he only told them of that case in order to show them how careful they had to be where serious issues depended on whether someone did something or whether the something was done by someone like another person.

UNRELIABLE WITNESS.

When they came to examine the case for the Crown, Mr. Alabaster said he thought he could convince them that the only witness whom they had any evidence of piracy against No. 8 prisoner was a witness whom they could not believe. If No. 8 had not been one of the people who left the burning ship in No. 6 lifeboat, he would not have arrested.

MORE FOOCHOW REFUGEES.

AMERICAN CONSUL'S VAIN DEMANDS.

OUTRAGES PRE-ARRANGED BY COMMUNISTS.

LOOTING BY SOLDIERS.

Strong representations to the Nationalist Government by the American Consul at Hankow, acting under instructions from Mr. M. J. V. MacMurray, the American Minister at Peking, demanding restitution for the damage at Foochow, and a guarantee of their ability and willingness to protect American lives and property, have been unsatisfactorily answered, and the American Consul at Foochow has ordered the immediate evacuation of all nationals in his area, said Dr. T. H. Coole, one of 40 refugees from Foochow, who arrived in Hongkong this morning by the s.s. Haining.

Some of the refugees come from Chaoow, almost on the Kiangsi border. While there has been no outward display of violence at Chaoow, the missionaries say that the soldiers walked about their houses as they willed until the position became absolutely untenable.

Miss Holbrook, one of the ladies who was unfortunate enough to be in the Church of England Zenana Mission when it was attacked by the maddened mob, was also a refugee on the Haining. She had a terrifying experience. All her possessions were wantonly destroyed. Clothes were torn from her back and shoes from her feet. Surrounded by a mob who endeavoured to tear what clothes she had remaining as she ran for safety, Miss Holbrook, together with Miss Crabbe, reached the Roman Catholic Foundling Home in a very distressed condition, but here Southern troops treated them with respect and provided an escort to the foreign settlement at Nantai.

CHINESE LADY DOCTOR.

Another passenger was Dr. Hu King-ang, a Chinese lady associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. For many years Dr. Hu has been conducting a hospital in the walled city at Foochow. On Sunday, the 16th, the hospital was looted, the soldiers, for the majority of those who took part were soldiers, afterwards visiting her home and looting there likewise. Practically every Christian institution in the walled city was gutted by the mob.

MOB ATTACKS PRE-ARRANGED.

Talking to a *Telegraph* representative this morning, Dr. T. H. Coole said that in the judgment of the better class Chinese at Foochow, the whole of the recent trouble at Foochow was the result of a pre-arranged plan, engineered by the Communist wing of the Nationalist Government.

General Ho was either unwilling, or was unable to prevent the outbreak. To the person who had an opportunity of witnessing the disgraceful affair, it seemed that the Northern "turn-coat" soldiers were instructed to incite the looting by the mob, and to indulge in it themselves, while at different points Southern troops were placed to adopt the role of rescuers. The whole thing was arranged beforehand in Dr. Coole's opinion.

AMERICAN EVACUATIONS.

The demands of the American Consul were met with the reply that the Americans could carry on business, but Peking instructed the Foochow Consul to order the withdrawal of all Americans. About fifty left by the U. S. S. Pillsbury on Sunday, January 23rd for Manila.

In conversation with some of the refugees, our representative learned that since January 16th, there has been a lull in the persecution of missionaries at Foochow, though it is felt that it is only a lull before a still greater storm. A good word was said for the semi-independent Chinese Navy at Foochow insofar that they have been protecting Nantai Island, the set-

tlement where most foreigners live and where most foreign business houses are situated. The s.s. Haining called at Amoy and Swatow on the way to Hongkong, and everything is quiet in both ports, missionaries going ashore at both places without molestation in any way. It was mentioned in this connection that at Foochow the trouble was not caused by the inhabitants. It is still possible, said the *Telegraph* informant, to walk about the streets of Foochow.

LOOTING BY TROOPS.

To another *Telegraph* representative, Dr. Coole gave further details of the looting. According to these, apart from the outrages on Catholic institutions, soldiers in the Southern uniform, but unarmed, came into the American Board Mission Compound and looted the two homes of Dr. Beard (of Connecticut) and Dr. Lewis (Cleveland, Ohio). These two buildings were thoroughly ransacked. Towards evening, other Southern soldiers arrived on the spot, caught and tied up some of the looters, took them to the corner of the street and then let them loose. The large Methodist social centre and Church in the heart of the Walled City was looted from end to end, as also was the City's Y.M.C.A. building.

"The whole thing," continued Dr. Coole, "was very evidently a pre-conceived affair, on the part of the left wing of the Nationalist Government Committee now established in Fuzhou. Evidently, the plan was to stir up the populace to do general looting, but this signally failed, and therefore the looting had to be done mostly by the soldiers themselves.

"The general abstention of the people of Foochow was due to their long acquaintance with foreigners, their schools and hospitals, and their Churches of Christianity, which they had learnt to appreciate, and they wanted to see the work of these institutions continued."

NO GUARANTEE.

Dr. Coole continued:—"The next man in authority at Foochow after General Ho is an official named Gong, who, I believe, is the head of the Communist Wing at Foochow, and the directing genius behind this anti-foreign movement at that port. This man also met the Consul, and all the American Consul could get out of him was that Americans could continue to do business, but that he would not answer in any way that American lives and property would be protected."

Dr. Coole detailed the course of the diplomatic action that followed when the matter was taken up by the American Minister at Peking with the Hankow authorities. The results were not satisfactory, and complete evacuation of American nationals was ordered. (Continued on Page 12.)

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BURNS NIGHT.

LOCAL SCOTSMEN
FOREGATHER.

A pleasant function, in typically Scottish surroundings, over a hundred local Scots attended a dinner at the Volunteer Headquarters last night, on the 168th anniversary of the poet's birth, to do honour to the immortal memory of Robert Burns.

The decorations, which included a cleverly designed interior of a Scottish homestead, was the work of Mr. George Duncan, O.B.E., and it converted the large hall into a happy rendezvous in sympathy with the nature of the proceedings.

Enthusiasm reached its height when Piper P. D. Wilson piped in the haggis, which was carried round the hall by Mr. B. Wylie, while Mr. Blackley presided over the Barley Bree. The haggis was duly honoured by the Chieftain. The catering was done by the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., whilst Mr. P. W. Rumney discharged the duties of general supervisor.

The Chieftain (Mr. R. M. Dyer) presided, and those present included His Excellency, the General Officer Commanding the Forces in China (Major-General C. C. Luard, C. B.), his A. D. C. (Lieut. Johnson), Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., his Secretary (Paymaster-Commander Rogers), Capt. C. H. Steele (A. D. C. to His Excellency the Governor), Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., (Administrative Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps), and Mr. G. M. Young, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Dr. Black (all past presidents of St. Andrew's Society), Mr. P. Tod and Mr. R. O. Sutherland (Secretaries), and other officials and members of the Committee.

The Programme.

The speeches were interspersed with some very well rendered Scottish songs. Following the toast of The Immortal Memory, Mr. George McLeod sang "There was a Lad," and after The Lassies had been toasted, Mr. Blackley contributed "Green Grow the Rashes."

A very interesting ten minutes talk on Scottish humour was given by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, whilst others contributing to the programme were: Mr. R. O. Sutherland, Highland Fling, Mr. K. McNaughton (Empress of Russia), song, "John Anderson, My Joe," Mr. D. Templeton, recitation, "Address to a Mouse," Mr. J. Chapman, song, "A Man's a Man for a' that."

The accompanists at the piano were Mr. George Grimble, who has officiated in the capacity for very many years, and Mr. J. B. Milne.

The Immortal Memory.

Proposing the "Immortal Memory," Mr. Dyer said: Gentlemen.—It is with mingled feelings that I address you to-night. Years have passed since we first gathered together to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our poet. Some of you were here then, the rest are younger members of our race, whom we welcome, but there are others, I would not have you forget them on this eve of memories. May we achieve as much in our short day.

It is nearly 170 years to-day, in the County of Ayr, that "a blast O' Janwar win' blew hansom in on Robin." Like many who have achieved greatness, his future life was very much influenced by his early environment. His father, a silent, austere, elderly man who had been suspected of being in the "fifty-five" with Prince Charlie, left the Kingdom of Elft for his peace of mind and settled in Ayr where he married, and his family were born. The simple piety and faith in his Maker which this early influence of a Covenanting father had on the poet's life, and works, are borne out in his version of the Ninetieth Psalm, a favourite in the Burns household.

O This the first, the greatest Friend
Of all the human race!

Whose strong right hand has ever
been
Their stay and dwelling place!

His First Two Books.

It is recorded that the first two books he read in private were the Life of Hannibal and the History of Sir William Wallace.

Hannibal gave his young ideas such a turn that he used to strut in raptures after the recruiting drum and bagpipe and wish himself tall enough to be a soldier, while the story of Wallace poured Scottish prejudice into his veins which boiled there, till the floodgates of life shut in eternal rest.

In this mood of mind Burns was unconsciously approaching the land of poetry, and one of his earliest efforts in the strain of piety and imagination was when he wrote the lines:

Oh Man while in thy early years
How prodigal of time,
Mis-spending all thy precious hours,
Thy glorious, faded prime.

On the death of his father, under somewhat unhappy circumstances, the poet's melancholy increased, and, in addition, he had added responsibility of being the head of his house. He took the farm of Mossgiel and endeavoured to settle down to his farm, but it was not decreed that he was to be a great agriculturist in the West. Attention, as the proverb says, is a good farmer all the world over and Burns was such by fits and starts. But he who writes an ode on the sheep he is about to shear, a poem on the flower he covers with his furrow, who sees visions on his way to market, who makes rhymes on the horse he is about to yoke, and a song to the girl who shows the whitest hands among his reapers, has small chance of leading a market or of being laird of the fields he rents.

Burns' Dreams.

The dreams of Burns were of the Muses and not of rising markets; of golden locks rather than of yellow corn. Having sung of the Maidens of Kyle in strains not likely soon to die, the mind of Burns now took a wider range. He desired to try his genius on matters of a sterner kind; something better than a ballad to his mistress's eyebrow.

As an apostle of the New Light and an opponent of the terrible doctrine of predestination, he wrote "Holy Willie's Prayer"—a satire, daring, personal and profane. Willie claims praise in the singular, acknowledges folly in the plural and makes Heaven accountable for his sins.

Yet I am here a chosen sample
To show thy grace is great and ample
To show thy grace is great and ample
I'm here a pillar o' Thy temple,
Strong as a rock.
A Guide, a buckler and example,
To a' Thy flock.

Patriotic Sentiment.

Having wearied of this Calvinistic controversy, he resolved to slake his thirst at the pure well springs of patriotic feeling, and domestic love, to rise out of the lower regions of lampoon into the pure air of poetry. His poems became records of his own emotions and experiences. They exhibit the pure, patriotic sentiment and a deep sympathy with the fortunes here and hereafter of his fellowmen. (Hear hear). The surprise created by his Kilmarnock edition in the Lowlands of Scotland was like a summer sun rising on a winter morning. The old and young sang his songs and repeated his poem; even the devout rejoiced that idle verse had at last mixed a note of morality with its mirth. A Cameronian divine said "Keep it out of the way of your children, lest ye find them as I found mine, reading it on the Sabbath."

He was persuaded by the kindness of friends to discontinue his journey to Jamaica after he had written on his way to Greenock that fine lyric beginning, "The gloomy night is gathering fast," and settled in Edinburgh, where he felt neither eclipsed by the titled nor struck dumb before the learned and the eloquent, but took his station with the ease and grace of one born to it. He seemed to say to all, "I am a man, and you are no more, and why should I not act and speak like one."

Window Verse.

During his Border and Northern tours he saw many sights and wrote many verses, in most cases being hospitably received, although, occasionally, otherwise. On visiting the famous Carron Iron works in Sirlingshire and being refused admission, it being a Sunday, he wrote the following with his diamond pin on the window of the lun.

We can no here to view your works,
In hopes to be made wise,

But only, let we gang the hell.

It may be no surprise, in the kindness of his heart, he afterwards obliterated. The frosty civility he received during his second winter in Edinburgh made him think seriously of resuming the plough, and, advising by friends, he selected Ellisland, a beautiful spot fit alike for the steps of a ploughman, or a poet, but after three years of this he retired to Dumfries shortly to die.

Love of Country.

Gentlemen, in my halting words, I have endeavoured to emphasise the spirit of religion, independence, and patriotism which permeates his life and works. It is true that he spoke of Premiers and Peers with contempt, that he refused to drink the health of Pitt, saying he preferred that of Washington; that he wrote bitter words about combinations of princes, and that all the high places of the land instead of being filled by genius and

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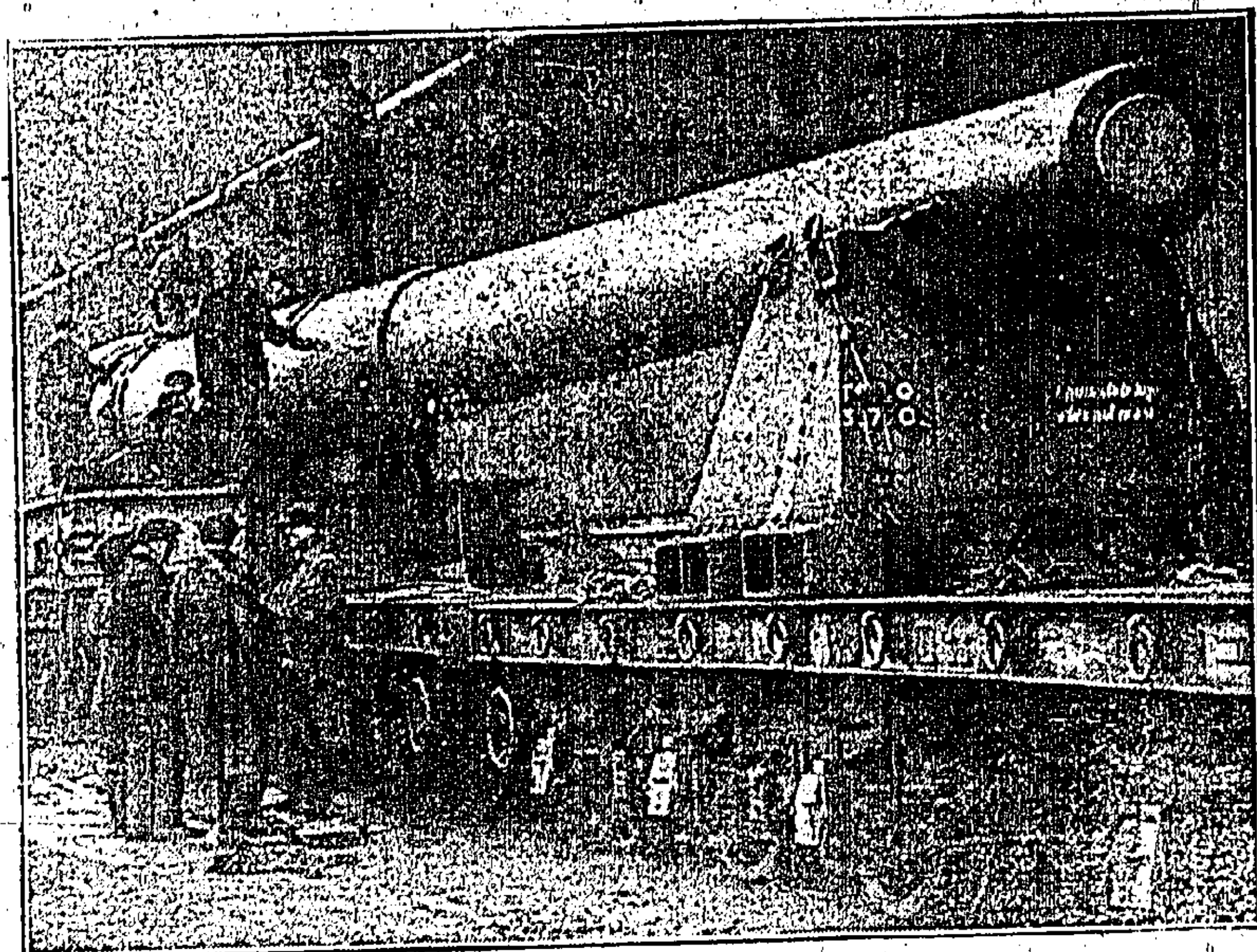
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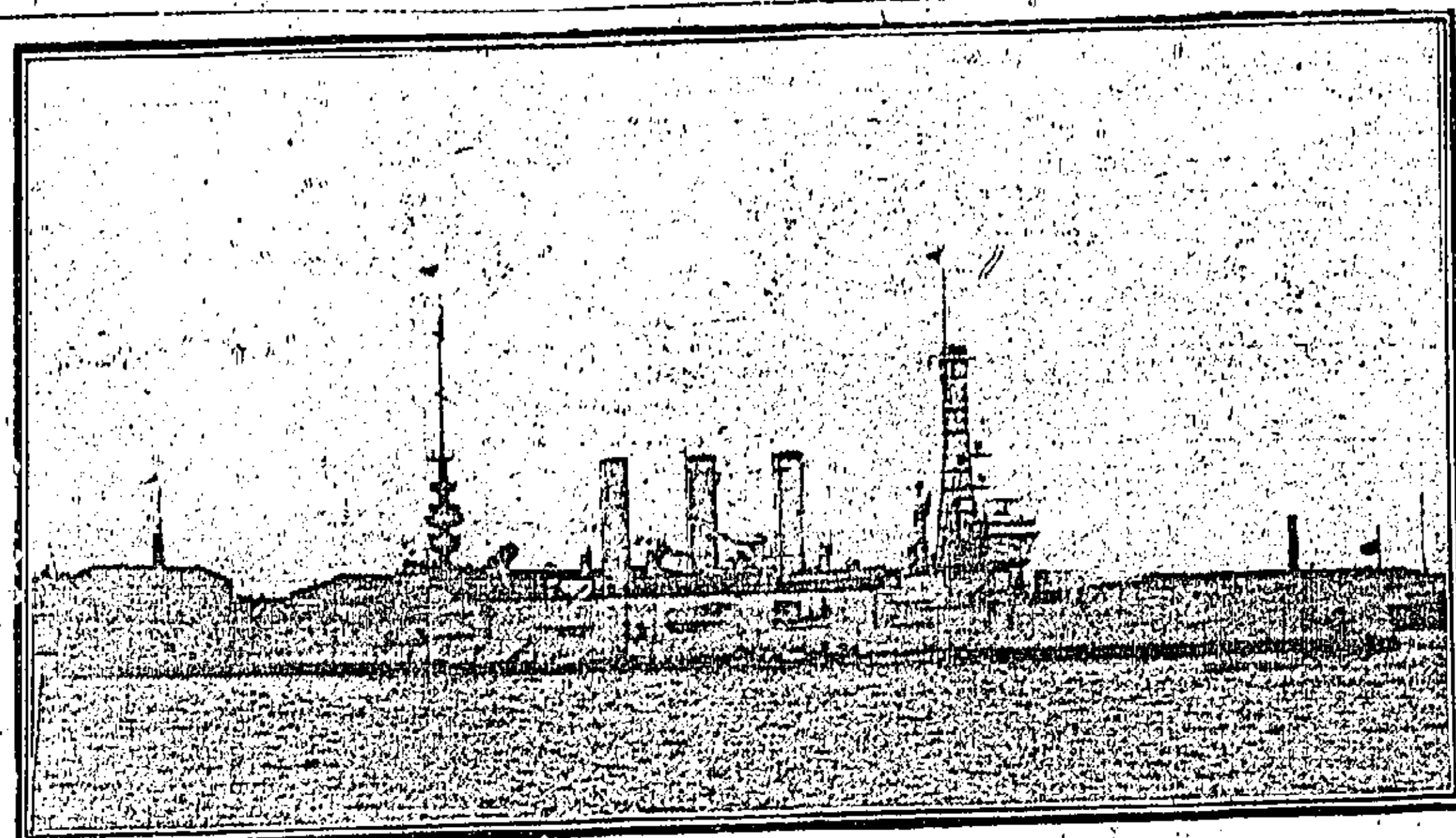
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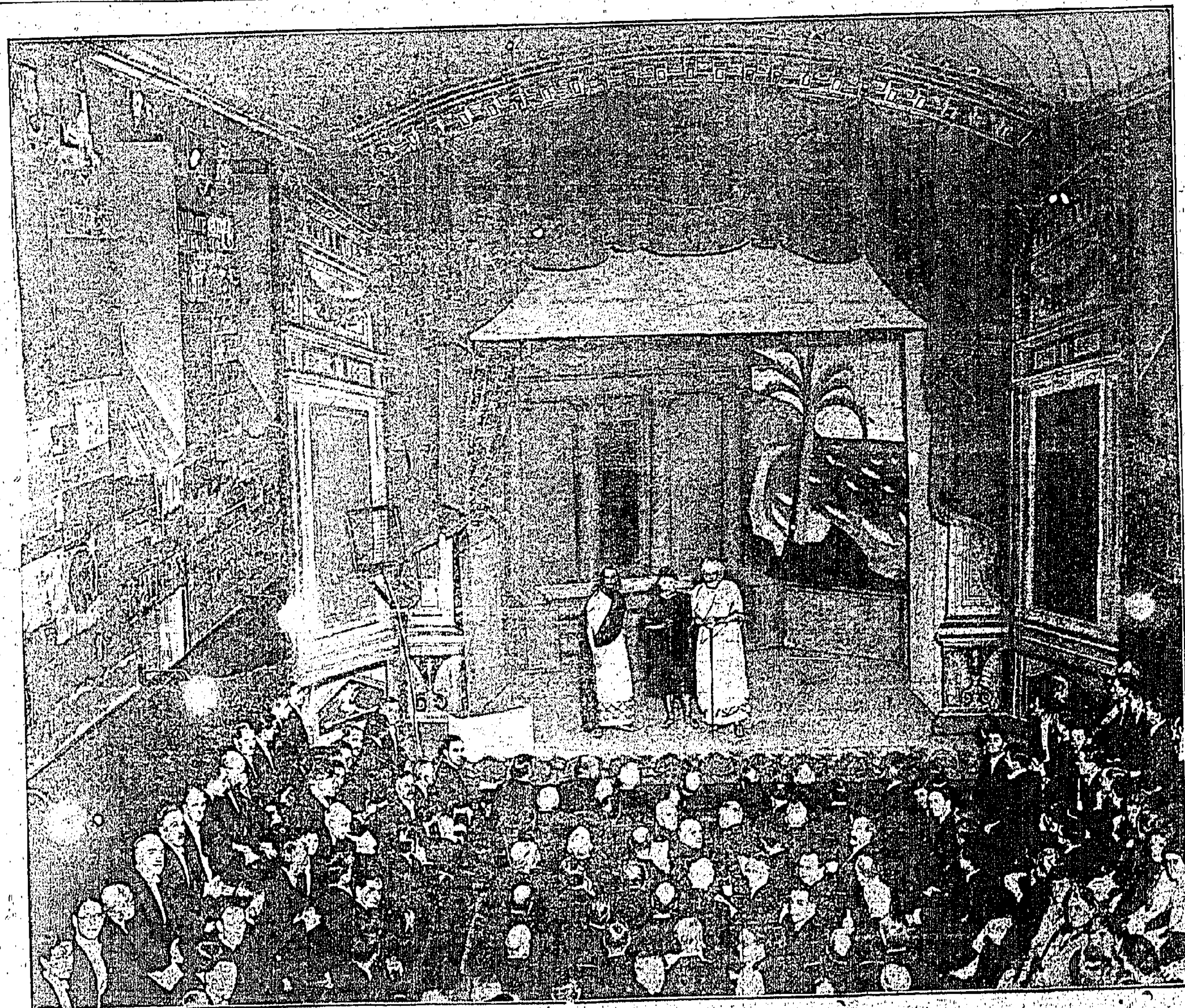
DEAL CADETS' THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN.—General Sir George Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, presenting badges to members of the Depot, Royal Marines Cadet Corps team, the winners of the King's Shield for miniature rifle shooting. The presentations were made at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, on December 21, 1926. (Times copyright.)



EVANGELISTS TO DEAF.—"Evangelists to the deaf" is the title the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod has conferred on Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Miller, of Shelby, New Connecticut. The two spend all their time preaching—on their fingers—to unfortunates who, like themselves, are deaf and dumb.

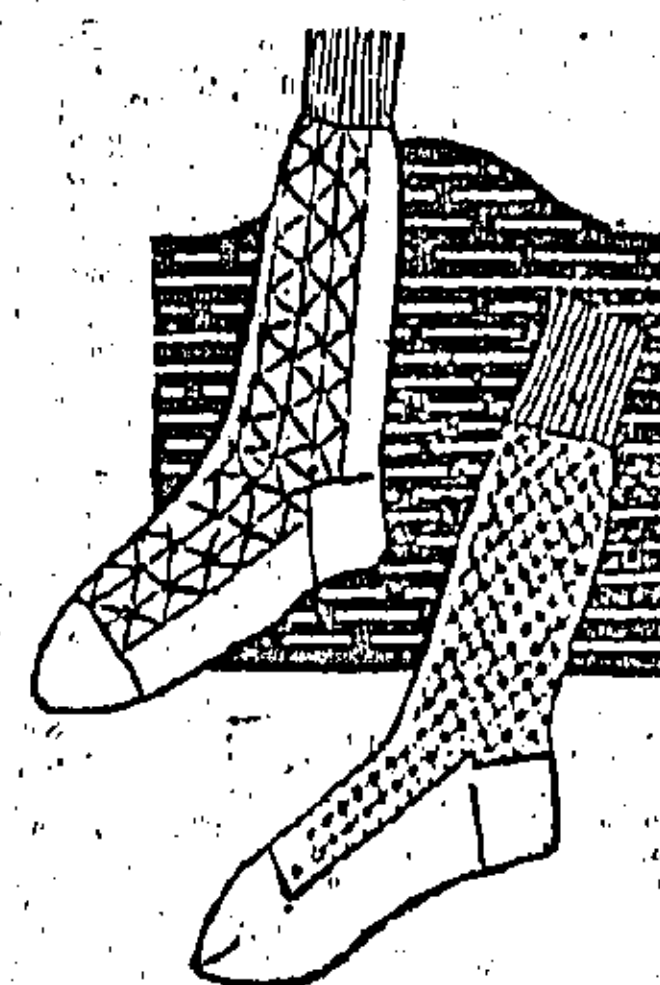


AMERICAN FLAGSHIP ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI.—U.S.S. Pittsburgh which reached Shanghai last week with Admiral C.S. Williams aboard from Manila. The Pittsburgh is sister ship of the U.S.S. Huron which is also due there soon with Marines from Guam.



THE WESTMINSTER PLAY.—The performance of the Westminster Play in the College Dormitory on December 22, when the Prime Minister, the Speaker, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Haldane, and Sir Douglas Hogg were among those present. The Rudens of Plautus, was given last year, the third production of this play on the Westminster stage; the previous productions were in 1567 and 1798. (Times copyright.)

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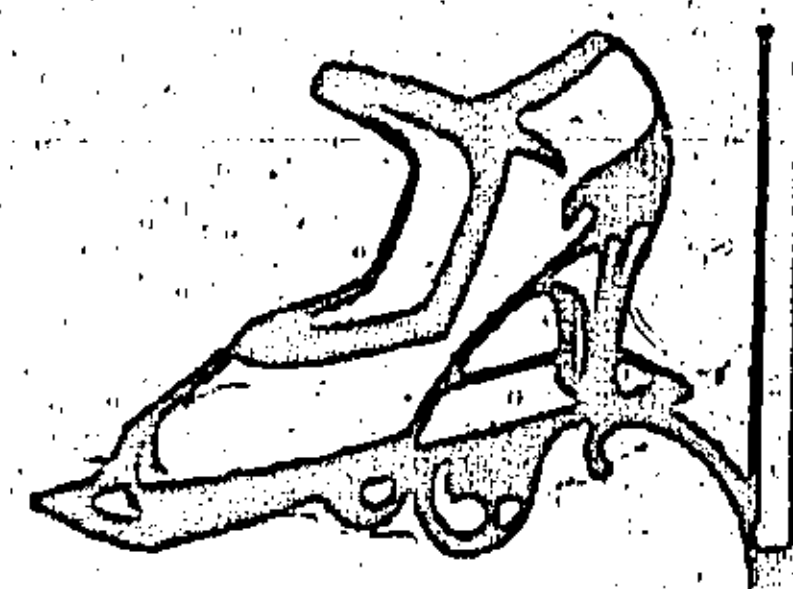
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The date for the closing of entries has been postponed until Wednesday, 26th January, 1927, at 5 p.m.

By Order.

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Monday, the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to 31st January, 1927, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

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ADDITION TO PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

First Day—Tenth Race.
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Winner \$600.—Second \$200.—Third \$100.—for Grifins of this Meeting and Ponies that have never won a Race. Subscription Grifins of the Meeting allowed 5 lbs. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10.—One Mile. Entries for this race should be attached to the Entry Forms already issued.

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Hongkong, 25th Jan., 1927.

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ENTRIES CLOSE NEXT SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY.

"THE INTERNATIONAL RACE & RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LIMITED."

Notice is hereby given that the Inaugural Meeting which was announced for the 5th & 6th February, 1927, has been postponed to 19th & 20th February, 1927, as resolved by the General Committee on 22nd January, 1927. Entries for the forthcoming Meeting will close on 10th February, at 8 p.m.

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NAVY CONTRACTS, 1927—1928.

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Frozen Meat.
Fresh Vegetables.
Soft Bread.
Biscuits.
Rice.
Sugar.

Forms of Tender and any necessary information may be obtained on application to the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.
H.M. NAVAL DEPOT, Kowloon, January, 1927.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 27th January, 1927, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 14th January to Thursday, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1927.

THE "STAR FERRY" COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1927, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 18th January, 1927, to Friday, the 28th January, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNEILL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 11th, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Madam A. Cousins to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY

the 26th January, 1927, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

At No. 4, Felix Villas, Mount Davis Road, Pokfulam.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

comprising:—
Teak Hainland, Chesterfield Couch, Chairs, Bookcase, Pictures, Ornaments, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Table, Sideboard, Dinner Waggon Dinner Set, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Cooking Stove and Utensils, etc., etc.

Double and Single Teak Bedsteads, Wardrobes with Glass Doors, Chest of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Marble Top Washstands, Electric Table Fans, etc., etc.

also

One Cottage Piano by "W. Bach & Co., Berlin.

One Victrola and Records,

and

One Lot Pots and Plants.

On View from Tuesday, the 25th January, 1927.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY,

the 27th January, 1927, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Nice Assortment of Chinese Curios,

comprising:—

Porcelains, Bronzes, Jade, Chinese Prints, Agate, Amber Crystal, etc., etc.

also

A Few Pieces Canton Blackwood Ware.

(Particulars from Catalogue.)

On View from Wednesday, the 26th January, 1927.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Committee of the Bazaar in connection with the New St. Paul's Girls College Building Fund to sell by Public Auction,

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the 27th January, 1927, at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

One 4-Seater FIAT 509 Motor-car, and

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Executors of the Estate of The late Dr. J. C. D. Allan to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY,

the 27th January, 1927, at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

Three Stag Heads.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on FRIDAY,

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at No. 10, Kennedy Road.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

comprising:—
Dining Room Suite (made by Wm. Powell Ltd.), Teak Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Desk, etc., etc.

also

A Few Pieces of Canton Blackwood Furniture.

and

One Okeh Phonograph.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Thursday, the 27th January, 1927.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 28th January, 1927, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Collection of 2500 Stamps including Chinese Errors, Hongkong (Pane of 50 Jubilees showing Error "Short U"), etc., etc.

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The Undersigned have received instructions from the Insurance Companies concerned to sell by Public Auction,

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Eastbourne Town Council has accepted a tender for the erection of concrete houses at its garden suburb, Hampden Park, at a cost of £410 each.

CHINESE NATIONALIST POLICY.

"RECOVERY OF CHINA'S FULL INDEPENDENCE."

READY TO NEGOTIATE.

Hankow, Jan. 23. Mr. Eugene Chen, to-day, authorised the publication of the following declaration by the Nationalist Government:

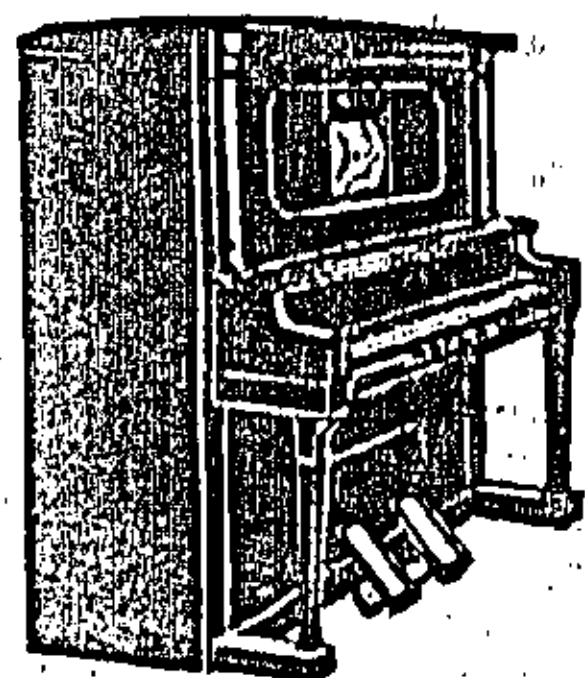
"The leading assumption of all British and other declarations of policy regarding China is that she is unable to look after her own interests, and that in pursuance of the 'spirit of the Washington Conference,' Great Britain and the other Powers must enter into self-denying ordinances respecting her in order to 'safeguard her integrity, independence, promote her economic development, and the rehabilitation of her finances.' This is not true of nationalist China. To-day, this new China is strong and conscious of its power and its ability by economic means to enforce its will on Chinese soil against any Power. The question then is not what Great Britain and the other Powers may wish to grant China to meet the 'legitimate aspirations of the Chinese nation' but what nationalist China may justly grant Great Britain and the other Powers, whose regime of international control is now definitely sharing the fate of all historical systems of political subjection. These words are used advisedly. The system of international control in China, known as foreign imperialism, has necessarily involved such limitation of Chinese sovereignty, economic, judicial and political, that anything like real and full independence has not been enjoyed by China since England imposed on her the Treaty of Nanking, which inaugurated the system.

THE OLD IRON. "In a very real sense, therefore, it is historically true to state that the British, having defeated China in the opium wars, deprived her of her independence. Englishmen of the present generation, born since that dark transaction, may not remember, but nationalist China, with the old iron of defeat in its flesh, must needs remember. This is the nationalist view, and unless it is grasped as one of the dominant aims of Chinese nationalism, it cannot be understood. What is this dominant aim? It is the recovery of China's full independence, which was lost as the result of her defeat at the hands of the British. And until this act of historical justice is done, there can be no real peace between Chinese nationalism and British imperialism. Before the emergence of Chinese nationalism in its active revolutionary phase, there was a state of seeming peace between the Chinese and the British, but it was no more real and enduring than the similar phenomena of 'peace' that one finds recorded on every page of history and conquest. The nation that is undying can never be at peace with its conqueror. It will strike at the selected moment. The selected moment came when British-controlled rifles were ordered to shoot to kill Chinese students on Chinese soil on May 30, 1925, at Shanghai, and the movement for liberation found an instrument of power when, following the killing of Chinese students and others by foreign machine-guns on June 23 off the Shameen, Canton, the economic weapon was forged by Chinese nationalism in the South. The struggle has spread and continued to spread, and because it is waged by an awakened nation fighting to be free, it will not cease until complete independence is won.

PERSONALITIES. "Great Britain" or any other Power has nothing to fear when China is under nationalist leadership and rule and recovers her lost independence. It is not to revert to methods of barbarism of a Chang Tsung-chang, or to reintroduce the feudalism of a Chang Tso-lin, or to maintain and perpetuate the mediaevalism of the mandarin in Peking, that nationalist China wants independence. This is desired, and is being fought for, because a modern State must be set up in China if the Chinese people are not to suffer the fate of dead nations; but if such a State is to be built up by Chinese hands, then China must be mistress of her own household—this means independence. The modern State in China implies the existence of a Government which will rule and administer taxes in China as a common possession of the Chinese people, and not as the private property of some feudal or mediaeval gang in control of Peking, and generally connotes an ideology and technique that will cause anti-social characters like Chang Tso-lin and his allies to be thought of and dealt with in the terms and conception of outlawry as defined in books, and will subject individual British and other

alien adventurers who aid and abet them to plunder China to punishment as international brigands. A Government whose existence is implied by the modern State in China will necessarily (since it will be a modern Government) work out the specific foreign issues involved in the recovery of China's full independence along lines which, while asserting and enforcing Chinese authority and preserving the vital nationalist interests, will not disregard the considerations of right and justice due to foreign nationals. But in this regard the great impressive fact must be grasped. To-day the effective protection of foreign life and property in China does not stand and can no longer rest upon foreign bayonets and foreign gunboats, the 'arm' of Chinese nationalism, the economic weapon—is more puissant than any engine of warfare the foreigner can devise. And the British in particular must now understand that the forces of the present revolutionary situation are standing over the protection of foreign life and property to the Government that derives its authority from those in whose hands it is centred, a power that can paralyse the economic life of foreign nationals in China. It is, however, the view of the Nationalist Government that the liberation of China from the yoke of foreign imperialism need not necessarily involve any armed conflict between Chinese nationalism and foreign Powers. For this reason the Nationalist Government prefer to have all questions outstanding between nationalist China and foreign Powers settled by negotiation and agreement. It is in this sense that the Minister of Foreign Affairs indicated the policy of the Nationalist Government to the American Minister when the latter visited Canton last autumn, and the same policy has again been indicated to the new British Minister, the Japanese representative and the representative of the American Minister. In order to prove that this is no idle statement of its policy, the Nationalist Government hereby declares its readiness to negotiate separately with any of the Powers for a settlement of treaty or other cognate questions on the basis of economic equality and mutual respect for each other's political and territorial sovereignty.

HANKOW SITUATION. "In spite of the misleading reports, the new status in quo in the Hankow Concession involved no real departure from the foregoing statement of policy, and the Nationalist Government have categorically repudiated the 'imputation' that the events leading up to the new status in quo—the bayoneting of several Chinese, two of whom seriously—were deliberately planned and staged in order to bring about the violent and forcible capture of the Concession. The extension of the nationalist control to the Concession has been due less to the entry of armed Chinese forces (which occurred with the landing in the first instance of the British Marines in circumstances inevitably calculated to provoke, and which did provoke, a bloody clash with a patriotic

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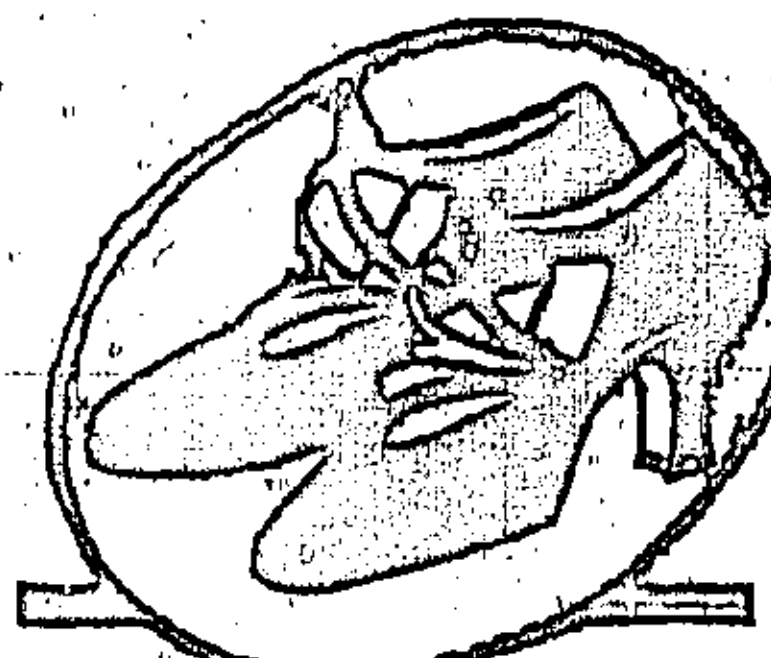
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THE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND
THE PUBLIC.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir.—Re Messrs. Hoo Sing v
The Hongkong Electric Company,
Limited.

In view of the publicity given
to the above proceedings, we are
instructed by the Plaintiffs to
supplement your report by a
statement as to their position,
and as to the reasons which led
them to commence proceedings.

The meter was suddenly, and
without notice, removed from the
premises on the 26th February,
1926, and it was not until the 2nd
March, at an interview between
the Plaintiffs' Manager and a
representative of the Company,
that the Company's reasons for
the removal were vouchsafed.
The Company alleged that the
meter had been tampered with,
with the result that they had been
defrauded, whilst the Plaintiffs
consistently denied any tampering.

The Plaintiffs realised that, as
the accused, they could hardly be
competent judges of the merits
of the Company's accusation. At
the same time the Plaintiffs also
felt, and felt strongly, that, as
the accusers, the Company should
not arrogate to themselves the
functions of a judge to pass judg-
ment on the Plaintiffs' alleged
misdeeds. The Plaintiffs contended
throughout that the merits
should be adjudicated upon by an
impartial tribunal, i.e. the
Supreme Court.

The Plaintiffs were advised
from the beginning that, difficul-
ties, practically insuperable,
existed in their way of forcing an
investigation into the merits by
the Court against the will of the
Company: there was in fact no
express contract between the
parties and to induce the Court to
imply a contract from the cir-
cumstances, and to imply as one
of the terms of such contract the
condition that reasonable notice
had to be given (so as to compel
the Company to justify their sud-
den termination of the contract
without notice, and thus to "let
in" the merits), was practically
impossible: to succeed on the
question of libel, the Plaintiffs
would have to prove express
malice as soon as the Court held
that the letter, the subject of the
libel, was a privileged communica-
tion, and, in the absence of such
evidence, the merits, again, could
not be gone into by the Court.

In July 1926 the Company,
through their Solicitors, wrote to
the Plaintiffs demanding the sum
of \$209.92, "being the price for
current consumed by you from
March 1925, to February 1926,
after allowing for the payments
already made by you. We are
instructed to inform you that un-
less this amount is paid to our
clients, or to us on their behalf,
within the course of this week,
legal proceedings will be taken
against you for the recovery there-
of without further notice."

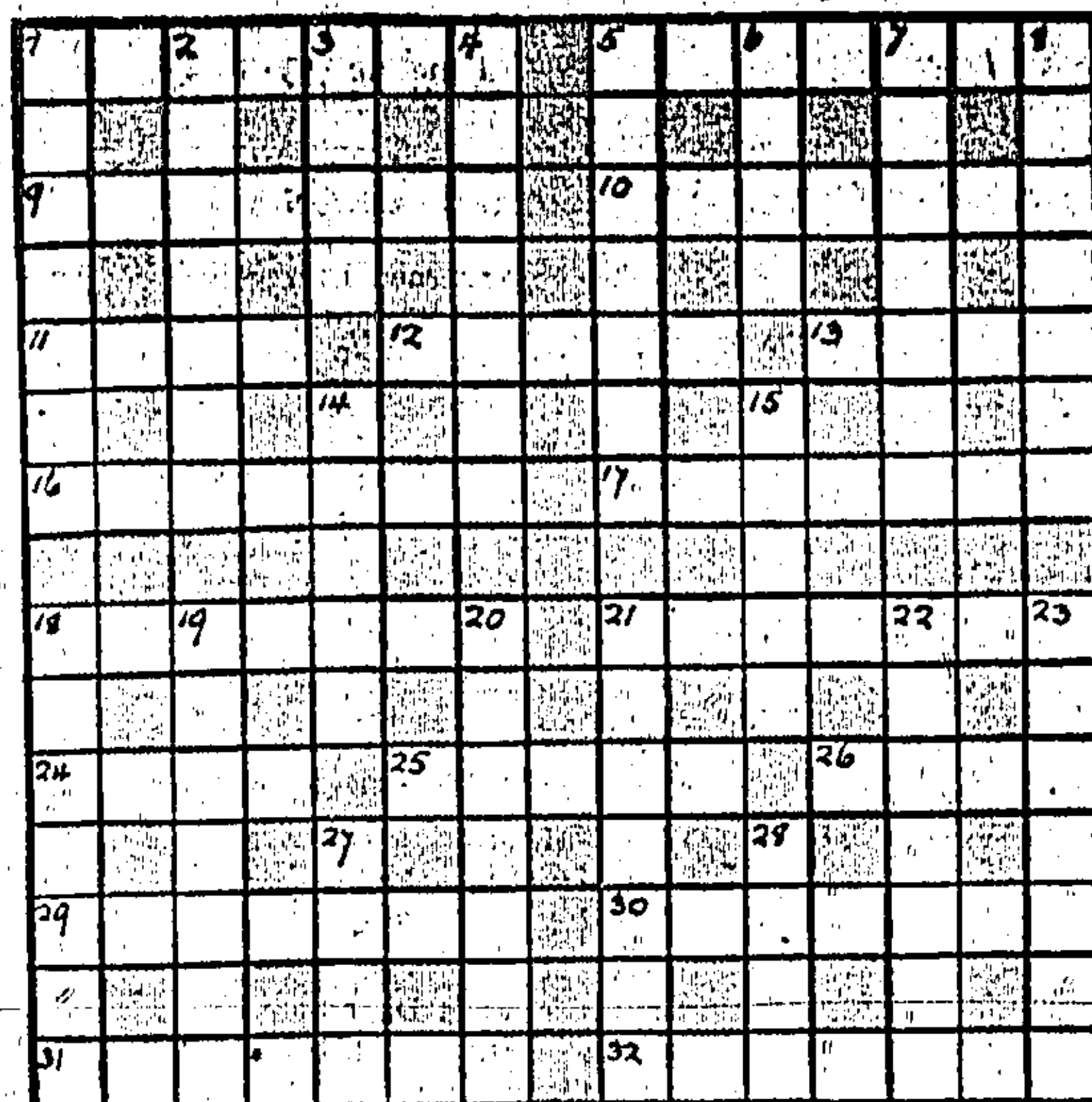
The Plaintiffs gave a cordial
and pressing invitation to the
Company to commence their
threatened proceedings, hoping
thereby that "the matter would be
thrashed out in Court," but
nothing more came of this threat.

On August 7th we wrote to the
Company's Solicitors as follows:

"With reference to our letter
to you of the 23rd ult., and to
our subsequent conversations
with you on the telephone, when
on the first occasion you in-
formed us that you would take
your clients' instructions as to
commencing proceedings, and on
the second occasion you in-
formed us that you had no in-
structions to proceed, we are in-
structed to express our clients'
keen regret and disappointment
at the attitude your clients
have taken up in this matter."

"You must appreciate that
there are various difficulties in
our clients' way as to com-

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Across.

- 1 Remote.
- 5 Ship of war.
- 9 Clean.
- 10 Worry.
- 11 Vent.
- 12 Healed.
- 13 Malay boat.
- 16 Lower.
- 17 Towards the sky.
- 18 Day.
- 21 Purify.
- 24 Grub.
- 25 Rage.
- 26 Child.
- 29 Eat away.
- 30 Mean.
- 31 Bong.
- 32 Woman ruler.

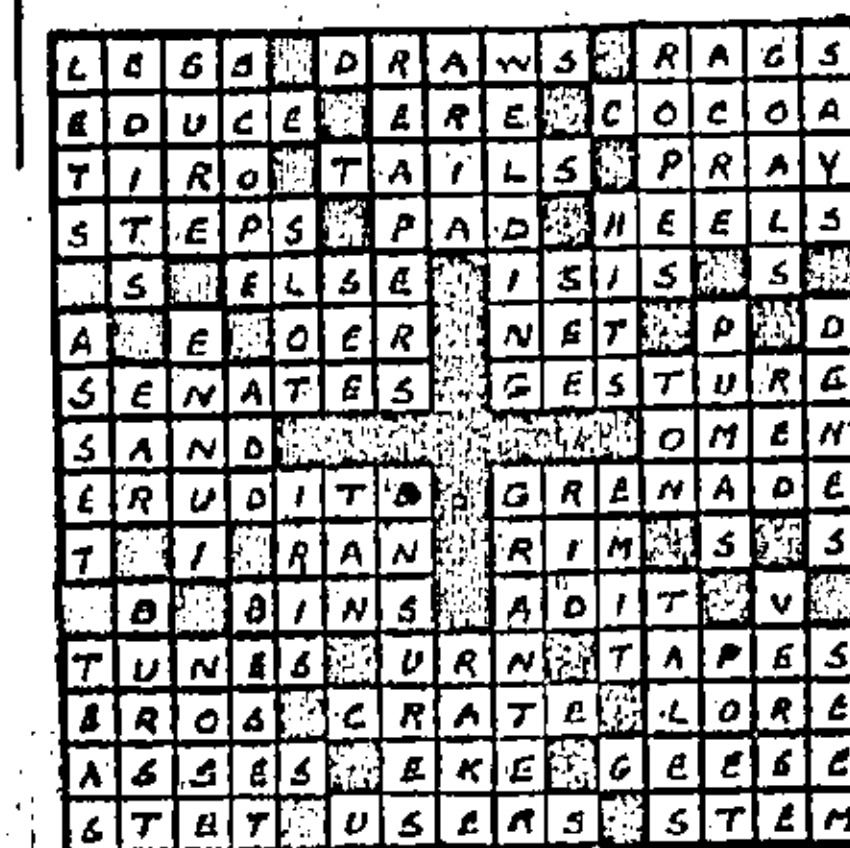
Down.

- 1 Swell.
- 2 Throat.
- 3 Summit.
- 4 Agony.
- 5 Restrains.
- 6 Metal.
- 7 Canadian Province.
- 8 Precious stone.
- 14 Very swift.

Chinese ingot.

- 15 A leather.
- 18 Assures.
- 19 Straits.
- 21 Holy war.
- 22 Tell.
- 23 Respects.
- 27 A game.
- 28 Profound.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



mencing proceedings. Your
clients are a public utility
Company. They make a grave
allegation against our clients,
and our clients repudiate the ac-
cusation, and are only too an-
xious that the matter should be
thrashed out in Court. If your
clients do not intend to proceed
in the face of their letter of the
20th ult., although invited and
pressed by our clients to do so
in order to enable our clients to
clear themselves, we are at a
loss to understand why your
letter was written at all, unless
it was written in the nature of
a bluff. We repeat therefore
our clients' invitation to you to
commence proceedings."

"No answer was given to this
letter."

In these circumstances the
Plaintiffs felt that they had no
alternative but to commence pro-
ceedings, however remote might
be their chance of success.

From a demonstration given in
Court it was shown how easy it
would be to tamper with the meter,
but in view of the course which
the case took—which was of
course not anticipated by the
Plaintiffs—there was no necessity
for the Company to give evidence
at all that the meter was in fact
tampered with. The merits there-
fore were not before the Chief
Justice and there was no adjudica-
tion on them by His Lordship.

If it had been necessary to go into
the merits, the Plaintiffs felt that,
in spite of the case for tampering
which the Company could put up,
they could advance, what in their
view are cogent reasons for show-
ing that there was in fact no
tampering by them or with their
knowledge or privy.

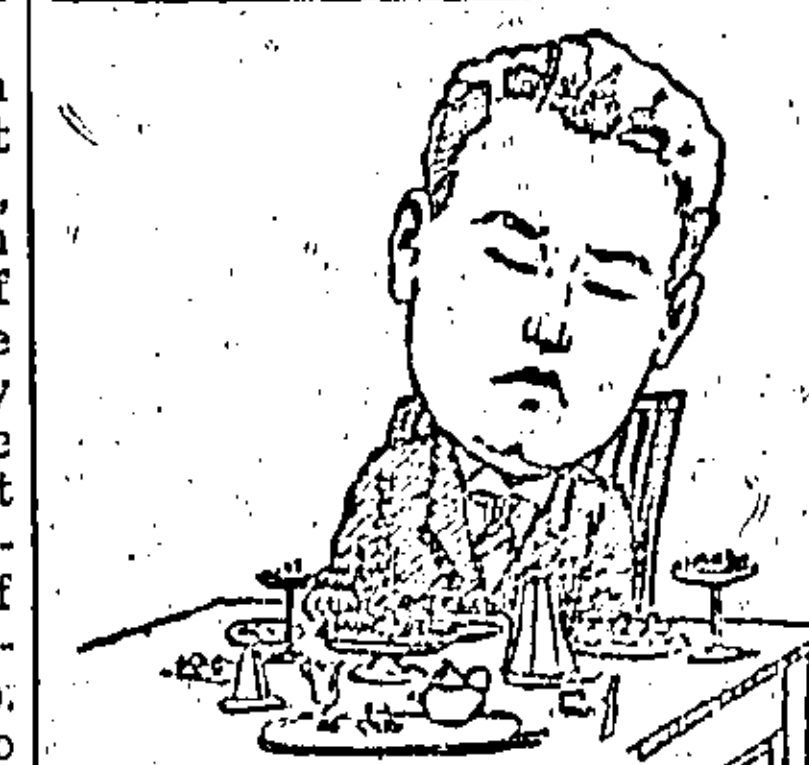
The interesting point, from the
view of the general public, which
emerges from the case is this:
that the Company claimed, and it
was held that, as a matter of law,
they were entitled to claim that
(in the absence of any express

contract to the contrary), they
had absolutely unfettered powers
as to cutting off the supply of any
customer without notice. This
is entirely contrary to the rights
of consumers in England, who, by
Statute, are entitled to a supply
from a monopolistic concern of
electricity on complying with rea-
sonable conditions. It is for the
Hongkong Legislature to say whe-
ther the people living in the
Colony should be at the mercy of
the "pleasure" or "caprice" of the
Company.—Yours, etc.,

LO AND LO.

Hongkong, January 25, 1927.

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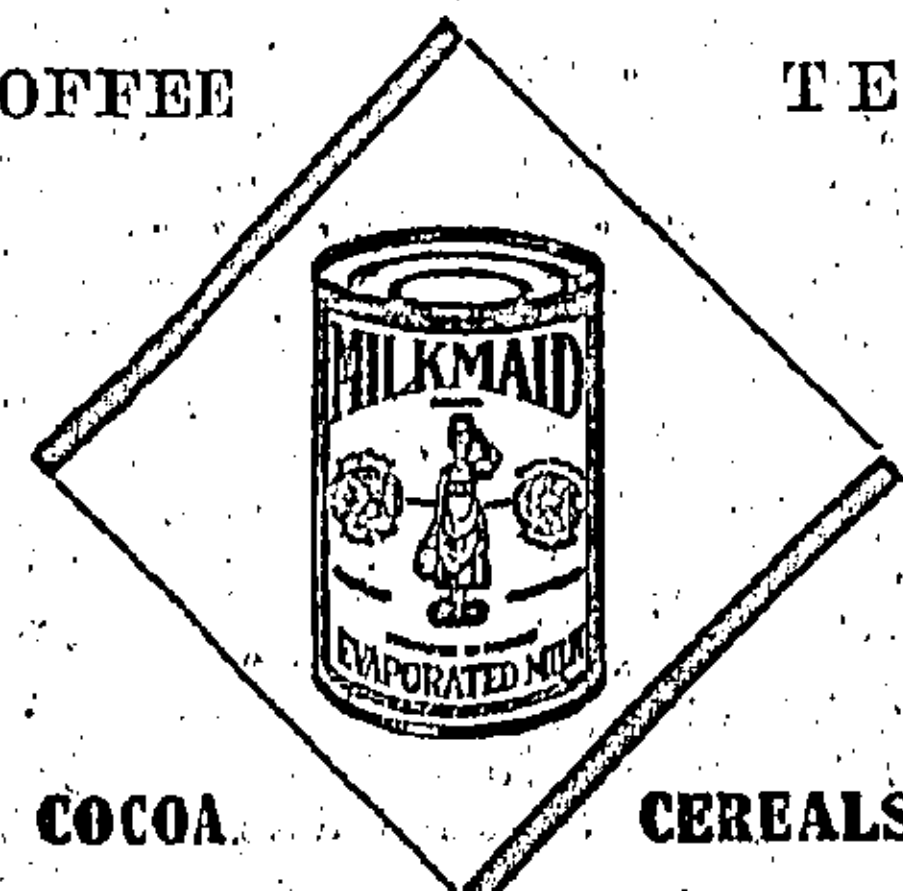
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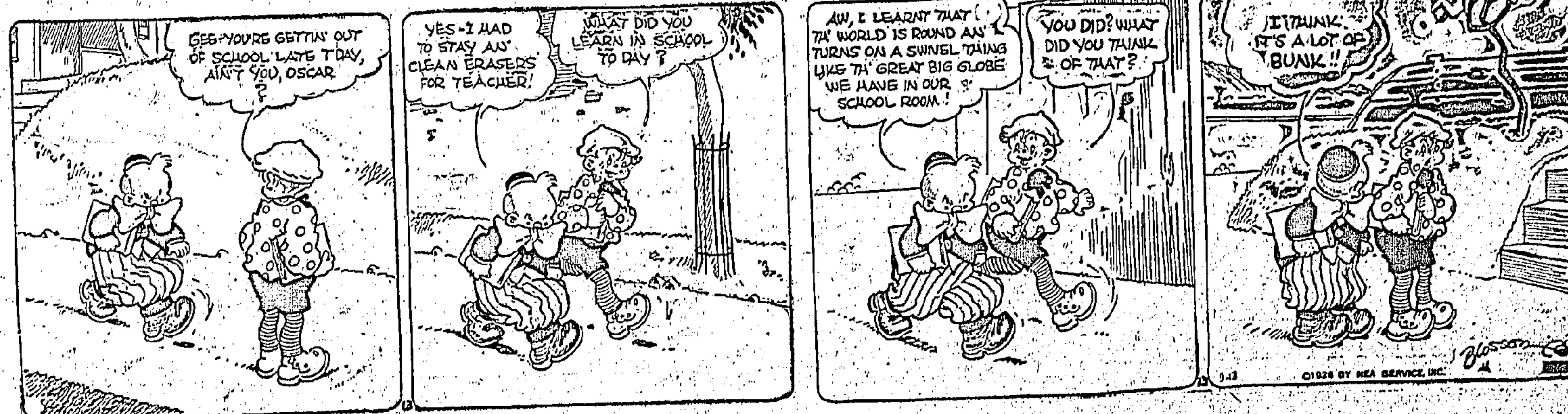
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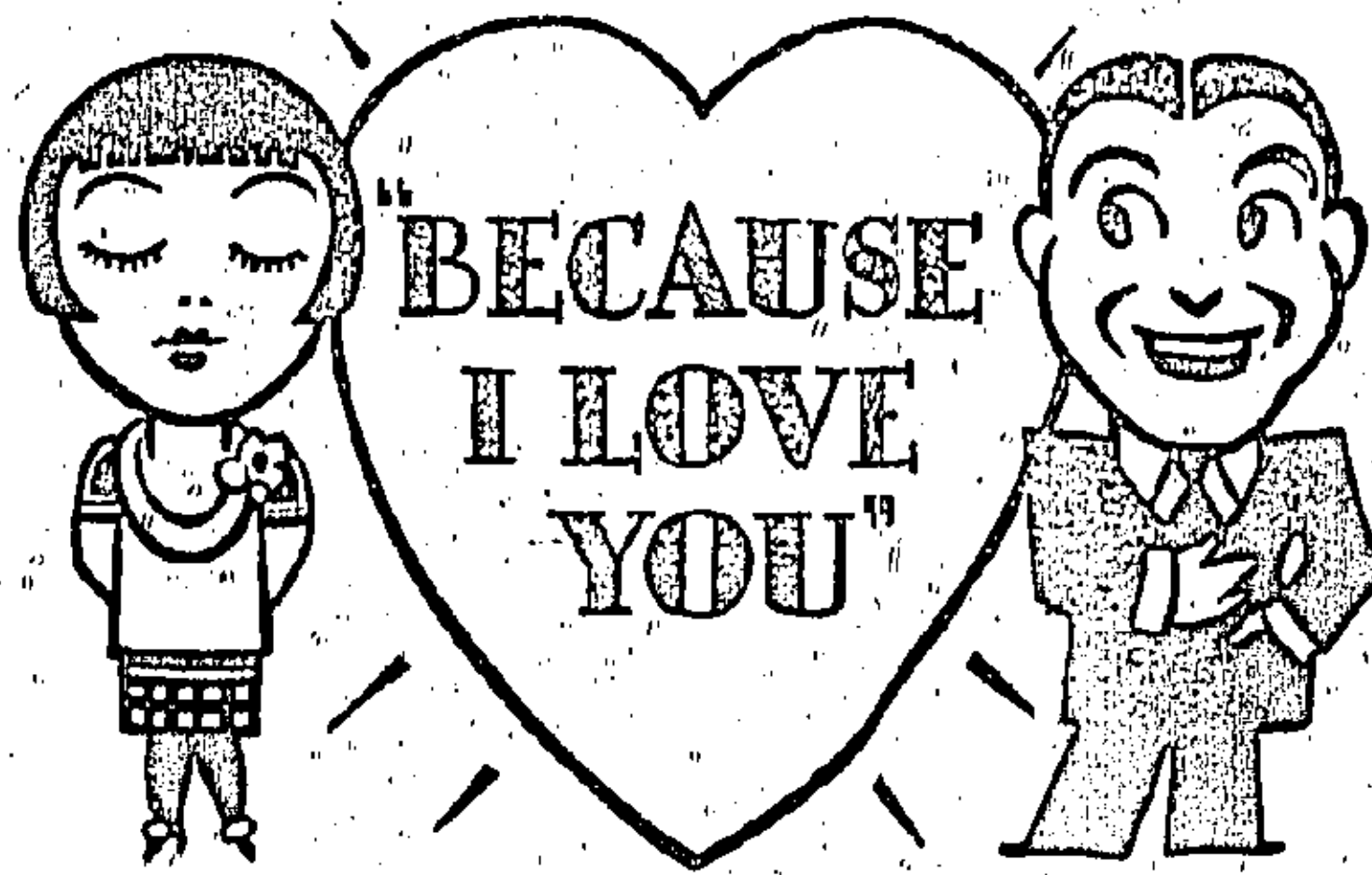
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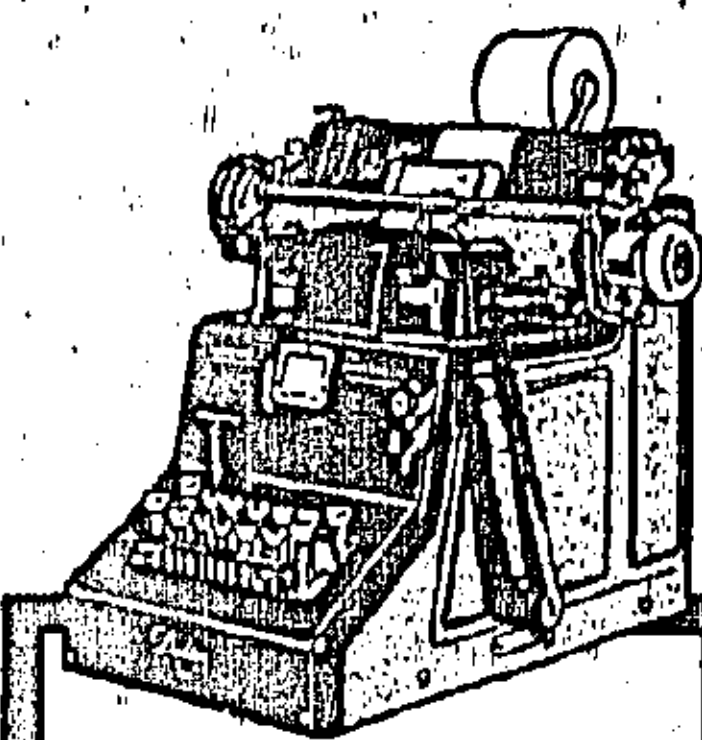
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DEATH.

REMEDIOS.—R. J. dos Remedios, at his residence, No. 226, Wan-chai Road, on the 26th instant at 1.30 a.m., in his 68th year, late of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. Deeply regretted. Cortege will pass the Monument, at 5.30 p.m. to-day. Maean and Shanghai papers please copy.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1927.

THE CHINESE STUDENT.

When Dr. Lim Boon-keng tried to explain the attitude of the Chinese students in the present troubles through which China is passing, as he did in an interview with a Telegraph representative yesterday, he adopted the attitude of a half-hearted apologist in an attempt to make the student the unfortunate victim of influences altogether outside his control. He said that Chinese students generally were peaceable and quiet, were patriotic, and were repressed by the military on the one hand and the politicians on the other. So, therefore, they had to hold demonstrations and parades in order to make use of their limited facilities of expression. But it was not until they were interfered with in those parades and demonstrations that they ever became violent. As Dr. Lim Boon-keng had just come from Amoy and must have heard all the details of the Foochow outrages against the Mission people, he is content to close his eyes to much impressive evidence to the contrary of what he asserts. They were student girls who went into the Foochow Mission Orphanage and who spread the lies about babies being killed and which led up to most regrettable scenes in which the lives of foreign missionaries were endangered. They were not goaded on by any "interference" and neither have been the riotous students elsewhere in China. The only occasions on which students have been "interfered" with by foreign power has been when circumstances have reached the extreme limit and when there was a definite breach of law and order and a grave threat to the authorities. If anybody has an idea that Chinese students have been unduly repressed by any except their own nationals, as

Dr. Lim Boon-keng appears to think, they have either misread historical fact or have been misled by the mass of false propaganda which some sections of the student body have been so zealously circulating.

We have a lot of sympathy for and understanding of the student mind, and we would hesitate to give the impression that we think all student activities bad. It is only natural that thoughtful boys and girls in China should be dissatisfied with the state in which they find their country and they want to bring about a change. And they proceed to inveigh against the foreigner as the author of all the country's troubles, not because the foreigner really is anything of the sort but because he makes an easy target and cannot hit back. For the students to tackle the real enemies of their country—the warring militarists and the corrupt politicians—would entail an active clash with some of their own nationals and all the attendant discomfort. The desire for a change is eminently good, but it will only be when that desire leads to action and combination against the real authors of China's sorrows that the students' revolt will become worth while. At the moment it is manifestly unfair to stir up hatred against the foreigner when he is not only the least of those against whom any complaint could be made but the one who most desires to see China evolve into a well-governed country and who is most ready to do all possible to further the movement. One does not grumble at students being in revolt against bad conditions; every worth-while young man and student has always been the vehicle of that righteous discontent which leads to change and betterment, but one cannot help being disappointed with those Chinese students who rail against the wrong party and who "help to engender harmful hatreds and distrusts. Dr. Lim Boon-keng must know how unfair the anti-British propaganda is, and it is leading men such as he who ought to speak out plainly for the guidance of the students in whose educational interest he is spending his life.

Our Boot-Blacks.

To many people, the Hongkong boot-black scheme may merely appear as an interesting novelty, but it should be emphasised that there is more than this behind the project. As has been previously explained, these young boot-blacks are members of what is known as the Waifs' Club, which consists of boys, who have, for one reason or another, come into the hands of the police. Some of them are youngsters who have been found hawking without licences; others have been guilty of minor offences. In all instances, they are well-believed, without parents, and rather than have them punished and then sent out into the world with little opportunity of making good, the local police have conceived the idea of housing them and, as chances permit, finding them useful employment. In the case of the boot-blacks now to be seen in their bright red uniforms on the street, we understand that part of the money which they earn goes to the support of the Club, or home, at which they are housed, whilst the remainder is banked on behalf of the lads themselves, so that eventually when they go out to more serious work, they may have a little capital behind them. Each case is, we learn, thoroughly gone into before a boy is admitted to the home. The movement has very much in it which is to be commended, and as time goes on it should develop into quite an important and useful piece of welfare work. There is the kindly human touch in it, and those who patronise the young boot-blacks have the knowledge that they are aiding a very worthy scheme.

Another Chinese was treated at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday as the result of being bitten by a dog.

DAY BY DAY.

SPEAKING MUCH IS A SIGN OF VANITY; FOR HE THAT IS LAVISH IN WORDS IS A NAGGARD IN DEED.—Sir Walter Raleigh.

The Italian Opera Company left for Shanghai by the Empress of Canada this morning.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 25th January at 7.30 a.m.

Malm and Company, ship brokers, send a calendar for 1927 with an attractive seascape.

Further details of the 2/6th Punjab Regiment left for Shanghai by the Empress of Canada.

Two Chinese cases of diphtheria were reported yesterday, one from Hongkong, and the other from Shaukiwan.

The inaugural Race Meeting at Macao has been postponed until February 19th and 20th. Entries close on February 10th.

Lady Clementi is to open an art exhibition of Miss H.M. Gordon's work at 11 a.m. at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant to-morrow.

It is reported that during the floods Mr. C. P. Search, office assistant, construction department, F.M.S. Railways, is believed to have lost his life at Kuala Pongau.

Amongst the passengers, who left by the Empress of Canada this morning were Admiral C. C. Hsu, Major R. D. Bennett, M.C., Mr. H. J. Peace and Mr. S. J. Hicks.

Three coolie ships arrived at Singapore from China last week. The total number of immigrants brought by these ships, the Darviken, Norviken and Hong Peng, was about 4,000.

A sum of \$100 was stolen from the captain's cabin in the Taki Maru No. 3, a motor-schooner which arrived here last week. The police received a report of the theft yesterday.

The motor ship Tungsha, of the Norwegian Africa and Australia Line, will leave Singapore on the 25th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 30th inst., with general cargo from Norway via ports.

A telegram has been received by Mr. See Tiong Wah, J.P., Municipal Commissioner at Singapore stating that his daughter, Miss See Chye-Hong, passed in criminal law in the recent Bar examination held in London.

Canton reports state that General Li Chai-sum is moving large forces of troops from the West River districts to Canton. The 34th Regiment arrived there yesterday and was sent to Saikwan to protect that section of the city.

A Chinese woman, fined \$3 by Mr. Schofield this morning for hawking cigarettes without a licence, stated that she was in desperate need of money to tide over the Chinese New Year, and could find no other means of attaining her object.

Money and jewellery, to the value of \$340, were stolen in the armed robbery previously reported as occurring at Chee Wo Street, Yau-mati, yesterday morning. Four men are stated to have been implicated, one man being armed with a gun and another with a chisel. No arrests have yet been made.

After a short stay in the Colony, the Italian Grand Opera Company concluded their visit with "La Traviata" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night, and scored another big success. There was a large house, and applause was freely given throughout. The sad though simple story was interpreted in masterly style, all the artists being in splendid voice.

The Red Triangle, the new magazine of the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., has made its appearance, and all concerned are to be complimented on the production. Pride of place is given to a special message from Sir Arthur Yapp, who recalls his recent visit to the Colony, whilst the features include literary, musical and camera notes, sports news, a contributors' section, current humour and much of interest concerning all branches of local Y.M.C.A. work. There are also some illustrations of the interior of the Y.M.C.A. building, and the general appearance of the magazine is most attractive.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SCHOOL RESULTS.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Once more I request some space in your esteemed paper. In your last Saturday's issue "Most Fair" proved his fairness by showing partiality to one school whilst concealing its poor results; and exposing the poor results of another school. This surprised me very much. He dilates on fairness and partiality but seems not to have grasped the principle that in correspondence one should be fair, and especially one who claims to be "Most Fair." He repeats, in his letter, the saying of Mr. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University:—If an examination is worth entering, it is worth passing. Why then he did not put down the percentage or the number of passes of the school to which he shows such strong attachment? May I have the honour to do so for him? The following is an extract from the leading local Chinese paper:—Wah Yan College.—30 entered for the Matriculation 14 passed; two entered for the Senior and none passed. Is that not 100% failures? Furthermore, I wish to point out to "Most Fair" and your readers that I never go against any school, for I am always pro-education. In my last letter I only claimed a little honour for the Sacred Heart School which surely the school deserves, because it has succeeded, as proved by the last examination, to train up a boy from Class 7 to pass the Matriculation in four years, and two others who had never tried the Junior Local to secure the same result. But "Most Fair" attributes my claim of honour to individuals instead of to the school. It should also be made known that owing to a financial and other causes, the Headmaster, Mr. J. S. Shak, was the only teacher, taking all subjects in both the Senior and the Junior class for the duration of nine months last year. Had the school got the support from the Government of the generous public as other educational institutions which "Render Unto Caesar" and "Most Fair" appreciate so much has secured, the Sacred Heart School should surely produce even better results.—Yours, etc.

PRO-EDUCATIONAL.
Hongkong, January 24, 1927.

Sir,—In his letter of the 24th inst., "A Retired School Master" stated that I claimed honour for the Wah Yan College. I would advise him to read my letter once again before he rushes into print, for I sided with no particular school.

If I am allowed, I would make a remark on the two failures that the gentleman mentioned. That the Wah Yan College sent in two boys for the Senior Local Examination and they failed is in truth no good; but the Sacred Heart School's whole lot of over 16 failures (including those under private study) is even to his mind worse still.

From the reply of the Headmaster of the Sacred Heart School on the 24th inst., I noticed that the said school's "private study" boys were "boys who either came during the course of the academic year or merely Class 3 boys." However I was given to understand that there is at least one boy who belongs to neither of the two kinds of boys above-mentioned and who was sent under "private study."

Ere concluding, I wish to state that the Government can always be in a position to give a grant to a school that deserves it. If the Sacred Heart School is all that it claims to be, it ought not to be difficult for it to obtain Government support.—Yours, etc.

MOST FAIR.
Hongkong, Jan. 25th, 1927.

Sir,—I think your correspondents have paid too much attention to the words "100% concerning the passes and failure in the examinations of the University of Hongkong last year. Seemingly this has aroused great excitement amongst them.

If examination results of two schools were compared, for example, one sending in one boy to the examination and obtaining a 100% pass and the other presenting say 13 boys and obtaining 10 passes, perhaps you will agree with me that the latter should deserve greater consideration and that percentage cannot be regarded in this instance. So should a school expect to be honoured

The Very Idea!

Apparently, when an elderly, plain, but wealthy, prima donna marries a lad old enough to be her grandson—

When an old fossil with one foot in the grave and the other in the Carlton Club marries his cook—

When a movie star makes a contract with her seventh husband before a Justice of the Peace. It is a Romance.

The rooster kept on crowing till the neighbour's peeve increased. So Master Neighbour bought a gun. That's when the crowing ceased.

More "howlers":—Ben Jonson wrote a life of Bothwell who murdered Queen Mary. The three estates are solid, liquid, and gas. Smoke is fire in a cool state. The peasant's revolt was caused by the king putting a poultice on all over sixteen.

At the Brentford Police Court William Edward Seymour and Bertram Victor Gould, of Wellington-road, Hounslow, were charged with stealing a gun-metal monument, valued at £75, from Twickenham Cemetery.

Mr. Stray, Town Clerk of Twickenham, who prosecuted, said that the monument, which was of unique character, was erected by the Thames Angling Society over the grave of Mr. Francis Francis, a well-known Thames angler. It consisted of a representation in gun-metal of a bundle of fishing-rods resting on a basket and hat. It was found to be missing from the cemetery, and there were clear traces that it had been dragged some distance, placed on a vehicle, and carted away. Information was received that it was at the premises of a metal dealer at Whiston, and the defendants were shortly afterwards arrested.

According to the story told the chief by McDonald, the two men were on the Granite Street bridge about midnight Thursday night, both in an intoxicated condition. Ewing lost his life in the river and jumped in after it.—Vermant paper.

A married woman who accused another woman at North London Police-court of stealing a diamond ring worth £6 5s. was stated to be on the dole.

Nottinghamshire magistrate. Was her language very bad? Man: Well, four policemen could not stop it.

A man turned to his caddie and said, "Why couldn't that fellow get his ball into the hole?" "He was stymied, sir," was the reply.

"Oh, was he?" said the other. "I thought he looked rather funny, at luncheon."

Between 40,000,000 and 50,000 persons are expected to attend the basket picnic and Republican rally at Riverview park to-morrow.—Chicago Sunday Tribune.

ITALIAN CONSUL.

NEW APPOINTMENT TO SHANGHAI.

Madrid, Jan. 25. Senor Spotorno has been appointed Consul to Shanghai.—Reuter.

through the boys' results in the examinations of the University, it all depends on the number of boys the schools send in and the number of boys passed.

Talking of the two schools, to which your correspondents referred, Wah Yan College has had splendid records during the past years; whilst the Sacred Heart school did rather good work in the year under review and I look forward to its continuous success.

Before closing I may mention that I have no connection either with Wah Yan College or with Sacred Heart School, but just write these few lines in the hope that it will clear the atmosphere.—Yours, etc.

K.
Hongkong, January 25, 1927.

RMANYS CABINET.

DR. MARK FORMING COALITION.

Berlin, Jan. 25. There is every prospect that Dr. Marx's effort to constitute a new Coalition Government is about to meet with success and that he will shortly announce his administration backed by the Centre Party, the German and Bavarian People's Parties and the German Nationalists. This combination, however, will only muster 250 out of 493 Deputies, and on Government actions depend whether they can reckon on the support of the Democrats and Economic Party.

Parliamentary circles declare that the Nationalists will claim four seats in the Cabinet, including the Vice-Chancellorship. Dr. Stresemann will remain Foreign Minister, and Dr. Gessler will probably still be Minister of Defence.—*Reuter*.

COTTON CONGRESS.

IMPORTANT GATHERING IN EGYPT.

Cairo, Jan. 25. King Fuad opened the International Cotton Congress in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering, including Sir George Lloyd and 160 delegates representing 17 countries.—*Reuter*.

BETTER COTTON.

Later. Mr. Holroyd, the President of the International Federation of Master Cottonspinners and Manufacturers' Associations, said he had seen cotton in Egypt which he thought was better than Sakelaris and which can be produced in large quantities.

The Congress closes here on February 1st and resumes at Alexandria on February 2, and closes on February 5. It is determined to achieve a definite result.—*Reuter*.

BEAM WIRELESS.

DEFECTS TO BE CORRECTED.

London, Jan. 25. A report on the tests made during the past week between the wireless stations in England and Australia is issued by the Marconi Company. It states that the tests have demonstrated that this wireless link is capable of working at high speed each way for more hours than are called for under the terms of the contract with the Post Office.

Defects, however, developed during the tests on some of the auxiliary apparatus. The Company has informed the Post Office that it requires further time to correct these defects and is therefore not applying to the Post Office to accept the station until such defects are remedied.—*British Wireless*.

ASSAULTED PREMIER.

HUNGARIAN FINED AND BANISHED.

Geneva, Jan. 25. Ivan De Justh, the Secretary of the Hungarian Republican Party, has been sentenced to 24 days' imprisonment, which he has already served, and a fine of 500 francs, as well as banishment for ten years, for assaulting the Hungarian Premier, M. Bethlen, in June last.—*Reuter*.

It will be recalled that on June 9th, De Justh rushed into a room at Geneva where the League of Nations was holding a session and slapped M. Bethlen in the face, shouting "That is one behalf of the Hungarian Nation!"

AUSTRALIAN LOAN.

\$5,000,000 FROM AMERICA.

Sydney, Jan. 25. The Government has concluded arrangements for a \$5,000,000 loan from the United States for the purpose of meeting commitments in London.

The Premier, Mr. Lang, says the money has been obtained at a considerably better price than was possible in London.—*Reuter*.

The weather forecast up till noon to-morrow, issued by the Royal Observatory, is: "North-east winds, fresh; fair."

CHINA WAR.

WU PEI-FU DENIES DEFECTION.

A Chinese news agency states that Marshal Wu Pei-fu has denied the report that General Wei Yi-san has seceded from him, and states that Yen Ching has not fallen. He adds that a special representative of General Kan Yune-yoh is now treating with Marshal Chang Tso-lin as regards the Chief Command of the Allies in Honan.

It appears to be the general opinion of many Northern generals that Marshal Wu Pei-fu should be superseded, owing to his inability to consolidate the command of his own generals who have evinced signs of dissatisfaction.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE NEWS.

According to a Chinese telegram received in the Colony this morning, an important military conference was held in Peking last evening, which was attended by Marshal Chang Tso-lin and other leading generals.

It was announced that a plan of campaign against the Nationalists was agreed upon, and that Marshal Chang Chung-chang will return direct to Shantung to direct the campaign personally.

A message was received from Marshal Wu Pei-fu stating that the forces under his control are strong enough to deal with the southern threat in Honan.

To-day's news regarding the situation in Chekiang is that a slight advance has been made by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces, and that large numbers of Nationalist soldiers are being sent to strengthen the attack.

DRUG TRAFFIC.

AN ITALIAN PROPOSAL REJECTED.

Geneva, Jan. 25. The Opium Commission by seven votes to two rejected an Italian proposal requesting special consideration of the contingent question of the manufacture of harmful drugs and appropriate measures for the prevention of smuggling.

The opponents of the proposal declared that it was first necessary to ratify the Geneva Convention and to see the effect of its application.—*Reuter*.

U.S. AND MEXICO.

ARBITRATION DEMANDED.

Washington, Jan. 25. The Senate has adopted a resolution moved by the Democratic Leader, Mr. Robinson, demanding that the Mexican alien oil and land laws, as they apply to United States citizens, be submitted to arbitration.—*Reuter's American Service*.

KOWLOON BUSES.

YESTERDAY'S SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION.

A new Leyland Lion bus, purchased by the Kowloon Bus Company for service on the peninsula, was examined and tested yesterday afternoon by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, and, except for certain minor alterations which will be carried out, the result of the test was extremely satisfactory. The examination was made near the Ferry Wharf, after which a trial run was made to Kowloon City, down the new road which joins the bottom of Nathan Road, and back to the ferry. The bus ran extremely well, the first-class springing eliminating all sensation of bumping. Those who made the trip in addition to the C. S. P. included Sub-Inspector Mason, who took the wheel, Mr. Burlingham, Mr. Louis Pang (manager of the Company), Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan (managing partner of the China Motor Bus Company), Mr. D. S. C. Scott (Texas Company), a party of pressmen, and the Company's employees.

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MR. ORE'S RECITAL.

BRILLIANT PIANO PLAYING.

It can, perhaps, be taken as an encouraging indication that Hong-kong is growing more musically inclined when Mr. Harry Ore found that there was so big a demand for tickets for his recital, given yesterday, that he had to take the larger St. Andrew's Room at the City Hall instead of the smaller Chamber of Commerce room previously engaged. And it can be asserted that the large audience thoroughly enjoyed the musical fare served up.

Mr. Harry Ore needs no fulsome praise in Hongkong, for all concert-goers are well acquainted with his brilliant pianoforte playing. Yesterday he gave some delightful renderings of well-known pieces, although at times one felt that Mr. Ore was galloping through at unnecessary speed. This was more particularly noticeable in Mozart's Turkish March and Chopin's glorious Polonaise in A flat major, and the audience would have had a better appreciation of these numbers if they had been more slowly played. But there was a real treat in Mr. Ore's playing of Scriabin's Nocturne for the left hand and also in Greig's Prelude in Old Style, in both of which the artist in Mr. Ore predominated. Among the other "best-played" works was Schumann's Symphonie Etudes and Rameau's Gavotte Variée. Mr. Ore was obliged to respond with an encore at the close.

The recital was contributed to by Mrs. Sanger, Mr. Li Chor-chi and Mr. C. de la Cruz. Mrs. Sanger, who is a vocalist all too frequently heard on the platform, sang Schubert's lovely Ave Maria and "Psyche" (Paladino). She was enthusiastically recalled and obliged with "Phyllis has Such Charming Graces"—a delightful composition.

Mr. Li Chor-chi, a Chinese baritone who has been heard on several previous occasions here, gave two operatic excerpts in French, both of which were well sung.

Mr. C. de la Cruz is a violinist of much technical skill and he essayed to master the intricacies of a Fantasy on "Faust" (Gounod-Wienawsky) which, to us, seemed all technique and very little music. But Mr. Cruz made the best of it, and gave, in response to a recall, the famous Caprice Vennois.

Altogether, it was a well-enjoyed recital, but suffered somewhat from the fact that Mr. Ore's helpers tried to render numbers just beyond their capabilities.

AMERICA'S CHINA POLICY.

(Continued from Page 1).

pany's strike has been settled, and the workers have returned.

Four hundred five coolies have gone on strike in the native city for higher wages.—*Naval Wireless Service*.

KING'S SPEECH.

REFERENCE TO CHINA.

London, Jan. 25. On February 8th, Parliament re-assembles and the Government Departments concerned are engaged upon the preparation of the King's Speech. The most important subject dealt with in the speech will be the Chinese situation. In regard to domestic politics, the speech is expected to promise legislation to amend the Trade Union law.

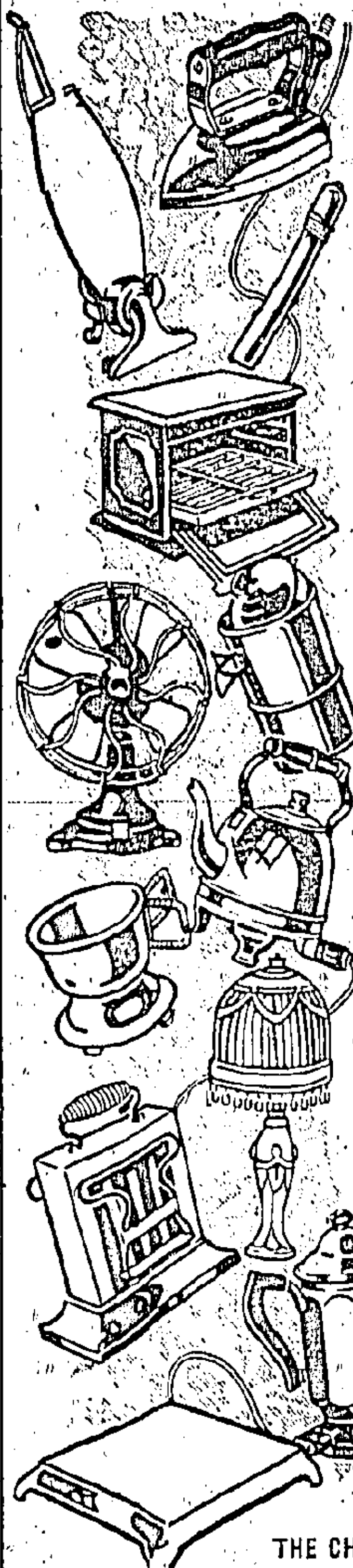
Most of the Ministers who have been abroad are now back in England, and on Wednesday the Prime Minister will preside over what will be practically a full Cabinet meeting.—*British Wireless*.

DUTCH BATTLE CRUISER.

PROCEEDING TO SHANGHAI.

The Hague, Jan. 25. The battle cruiser Sumatra, en route to the Dutch East Indies, left Hongkong on Jan. 18th for Yokohama, where it is due on February 2. It will remain till after the late Emperor's funeral and then go to Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

Paris, Jan. 25. The British policy of sending reinforcements to China to protect British lives and property against mob violence is supported by *Le Journal*, which says the despatch of additional troops is an essential precaution, particularly with regard to Shanghai, the "supreme position of which must be protected at all costs." It adds, "In this, we can only be in complete agreement with Britain. While it is important the Powers should avoid any semblance of provocation, it is equally important to give the impression that they are determined to see their rights respected."—*Reuter*.



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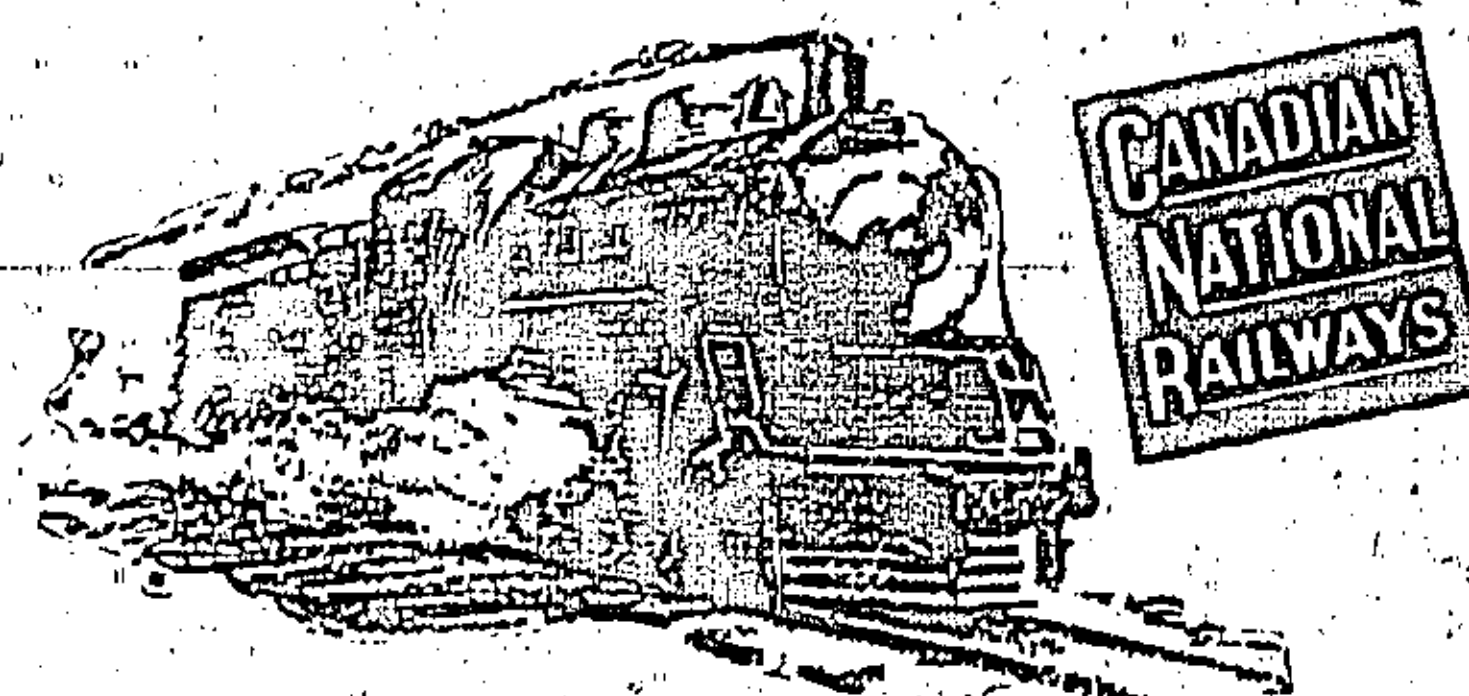
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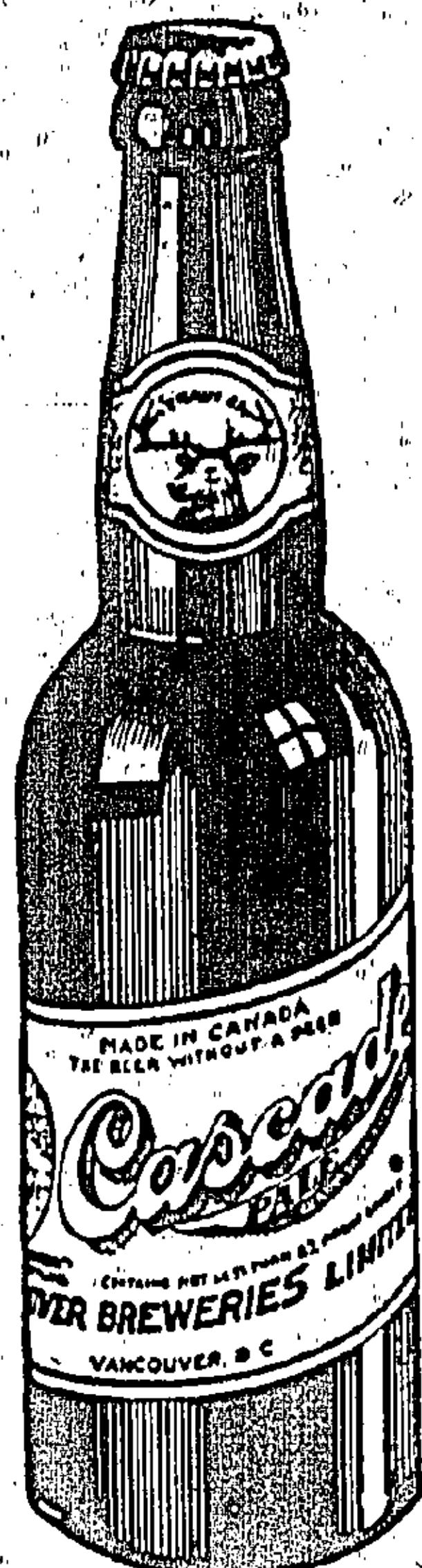
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PUBLIC HEALTH MENACE.

SQUATTERS' SETTLEMENT AT KOWLOON TONG.

The question of a squatters' settlement which has sprung up in the Kowloon Tong district was raised by Mr. J. P. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. The questions on the subject, together with the replies, are given below:

By whose sanction and under what by-law has permission, if any, been granted to certain Chinese squatters to construct, on recently filled-in Crown land in the district of Kowloon Tong, within a hundred yards of dwelling-houses, a cesspool of cement concrete (approximate dimensions 15' by 10'), in which human faeces are collected and allowed to decompose to serve as manure in vegetable gardens in that vicinity?

The President's reply was: The permits upon which occupation of the land in question has been permitted are for 12 months, terminable upon 2 months' notice. The Sanitary Board was consulted before these permits were granted and neither the M. O. H. nor the C. V. S. saw any objection to the grant. The applications made no mention of cess-pools. The M. O. H. was of opinion that dry-cultivation in this area would be preferable from the point of view of neighbouring residents, to the land being left in its natural state.

Action Contemplated.

Is it in the best interest of the public health that a new squatters' settlement, with its attendant objectionable feature mentioned in the above, be permitted to be established in a new and growing residential district?

The reply was: The use of human excreta on agricultural land has been fully considered by the Board in the past and in 1906 the Board adopted the Report of a sub-committee appointed to consider this question, which Report recommended that the practice should not be prohibited but that nuisances occasioned near houses or highways should be dealt with under Section 26 of the Ordinance as they arose.

The M. O. H. is of opinion that the cess-pools now in question are noisome within the meaning of 26(5) of the Ordinance having consideration to their position, and proposes to take action, if the Board agrees, to abate this nuisance under the usual process of law.

Question of Removal.

Is it not possible to obtain another site to which this squatters' settlement might be transferred and so remove the source of an ever-present danger, to the health of present and prospective residents in the neighbourhood, arising out of the use of noxious and offensive manurial matter by the vegetable gardeners?

If a new site can be found, will the Government take into favourable consideration the removal as soon as practicable of the settlement complained of?

The reply stated: If the prohibition of the use of offensive manure, as indicated above, prove to make impossible the agricultural activities of these permittees, their removal to some more distant site where there will be no objection raised will presumably follow automatically.

Otherwise, provided no nuisance arises such as would normally be abated in proximity to residential areas it does not appear necessary, unless the Board shall decide otherwise, for a request to be made to the Government for the removal of these permittees.

Samples Unnecessary.

Will the President be good enough to cause samples of water to be taken by officers of the Sanitary Department, from the stagnant pools in Crown Land on the eastern and western boundaries of Kowloon Tong, and more particularly of a small stream draining into the nullah at the point where it is being covered in below the railway bridge, and have such samples examined for the presence of any matter that might constitute a danger to public health in the district of Kowloon Tong?

The Medical Officer of Health replied:

I do not consider it necessary to take further samples of water from these pools or the stream at present.

This matter has been referred to Hon. D. P. W. who has agreed to have the stream in question trained.

Breeding Places.

If deemed advisable as a preventive measure against providing breeding ground for the larvae of anophelis mosquitoes, will the President direct officers of the Department to have the stagnant pools treated with kerosene oil or other substance calculated to minimise the danger of an outbreak of malaria due to the existence of the

stagnant pools referred to in the previous question?

The reply was: I am fully satisfied that all Kowloon pools, which might be regarded as potential breeding places for mosquito larvae, are oiled weekly under the supervision of Officers of the Department.

Notice of Resolution.

Mr. J. P. Braga thanked the President for the very full answer given to his questions and also Dr. Pope who had visited the district with him.

"I still maintain," said Mr. Braga, "that the condition of the squatters' settlement complained of by residents of Kowloon Tong is such as to be a menace to the public health of the district. I therefore give notice of the following resolution at the next meeting of the Board:

That in the opinion of this Board the close proximity of a squatters' settlement to the new and growing residential district of Kowloon Tong is prejudicial to the public health, and in the interests of the residents of the district the permits granted to the squatters should be revoked at as early a date as practicable.

A Strike Echo.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin said he thought that before anything was done they should not look at the matter only from the sanitary point of view. A lot of the farmers were poor and became British subjects when Great Britain took over the New Territories. As far as he remembered proclamations were issued by the Government at that time that the farmers would not be interfered with in their livelihood.

The majority were farmers and vegetable growers and during the crisis of the strike they helped the Colony a good deal with their produce. He did not think it was a good policy nor the policy of the Government to turn these poor farmers out without suitable land being found for them.

The question required the careful consideration of all concerned, not only by the Sanitary Board but by the Government.

Debate Next Meeting.

The President said Mr. Wong Kwong Tin was slightly out of or-

ARMED ROBBERY.

YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT AT YAU MATI.

In broad daylight and in one of the most frequented streets of Yau mati, four men entered a house and, binding and gagging the inmates, decamped with money and jewellery to the total value of \$480. The victims were Mrs. T. L. Ma and her two daughters, the Misses Elsie and Gladys Ma.

Although Chi Wo Street, is not one of the business thoroughfares of the district, there are invariably a large number of pedestrians using the street and there is always a long queue of buses drawn up along the street, awaiting their departure for Kowloon City, Chi Wo Street being the parking place for vehicles on the Kowloon City-Yau mati route.

Shortly after ten o'clock yesterday morning, four men knocked at the door of No. 2 Chi Wo Street, and being admitted by a small boy, produced a revolver and a dagger with which they held up the three female occupants of the floor.

The women were all bound and gagged. Miss Gladys Ma humiliated to the extent of having a potato forced into her mouth, and being relieved of her gold bangles and other articles of jewellery.

After ransacking the house the men made their escape, taking with them money and jewellery to the value of nearly \$500.

der because the debate would be taken at the next meeting. There would then be an opportunity for members of the Board to express their views.

Dealing with another item on the agenda the President said that the days of house cleaning had, for the present, been reduced from five to four days a week. Owing to the pressure of work on the Inspectors this was the only way until more Inspectors were obtained.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. N. L. Smith (President), Dr. Pope (M. O. H.), Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin and Mr. D. Davies (secretary).

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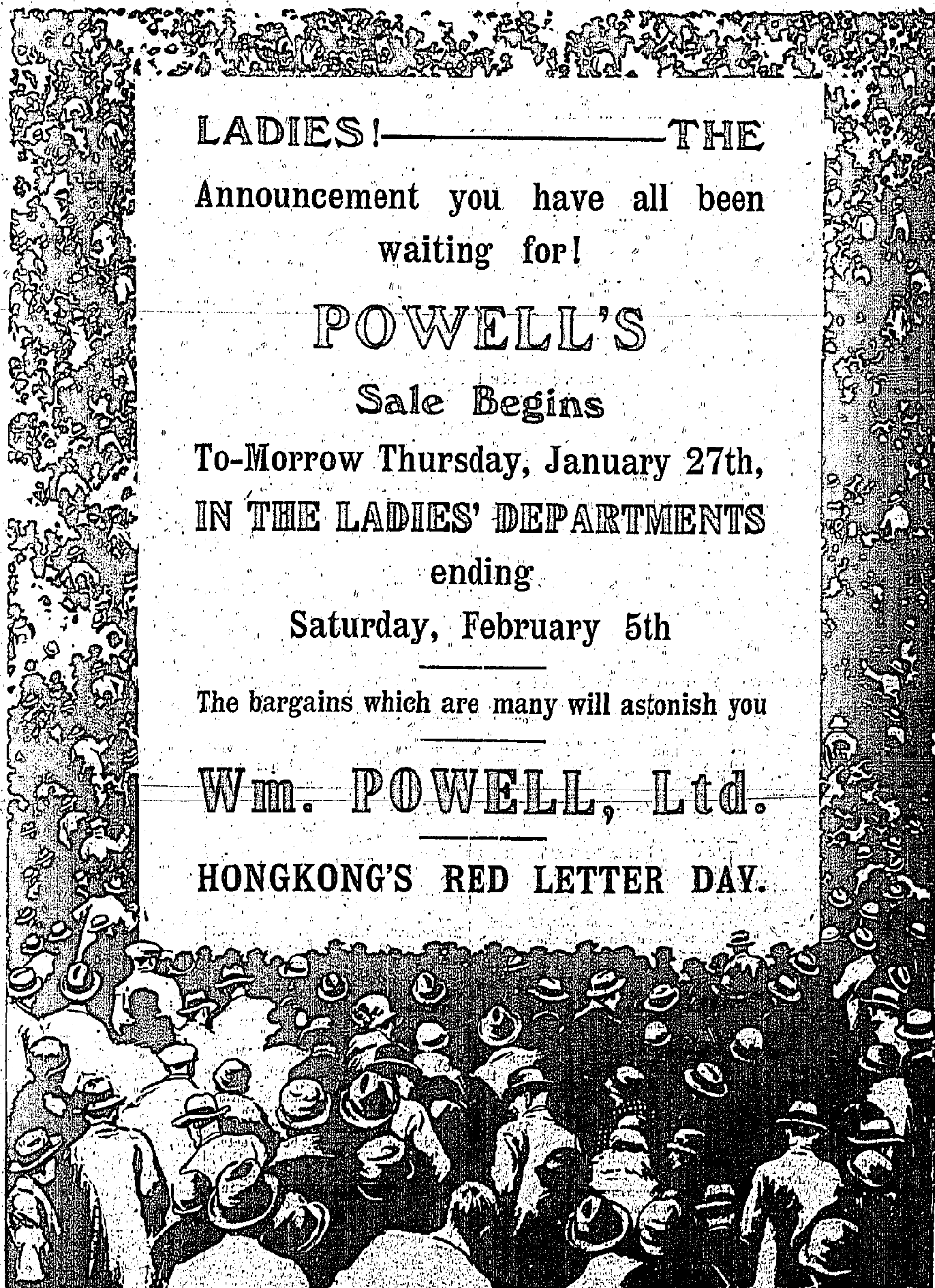
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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs."]

Kowloon are to be congratulated on their win in the First Division, over the Royal Navy last Saturday. The result, however, was not such a one-sided affair as the scores might lead one to suppose. It is true that it could hardly have been expected that even the Navy could make the 205 runs required for victory in under two hours, but the Senior Service, nothing daunted, made a determined effort to pull the game round, and with a little more luck, might have succeeded.

When Cantrell and Sturges became set, things did not look quite so rosy for Kowloon. The Colonel was unfortunate to play on to a ball from Ross, which was going away to leg. At this stage, Morris came into the picture, and took the last five wickets for 15 runs. Morris' bowling was really not as unplayable as it looked, but he was ably backed up by a good field.

Another match in which the points might have been shared, was the Craigenower v. Hongkong C.C. game at Happy Valley, as I understand the last Craigenower wicket did not fall until the last over of the day. The Club batsmen were at the top of their form. Their opening pair, Hayward and Evers, made 150 runs before they were separated, which is, incidentally, a record first-wicket partnership in League cricket, so far, for the season.

If figures are any criterion, one would not be far wrong in saying that the Police R.C. have the best pair of opening bowlers playing in the Second Division to-day. Lacey and Alexander shouldered the attack for the Police in their match against the Hongkong C.C. 2nd, and came out with flying colours. The batting of the Police side, however, left a lot to be desired. King, who scored 73 out of a total of 102 runs, was the only batsman who made a stand.

Recreio were not one bit discouraged by their loss to the Indian R.C. 2nd the previous week, and last Saturday, severely trounced the Navy 2nd.

In the Senior Division League table, Kowloon are seriously challenging the leaders, Civil Service, being only one point behind, but have the advantage of having played one match less, which carries with it a maximum of three points. The Hongkong C.C. have jumped from the sixth to the fourth position, ousting the Navy, who have gone to the fifth place. The Royal Artillery, who were not engaged last Saturday, have automatically dropped from No. 5 to No. 6.

In the Second Division, the Police have regained their lead, with the I.R.C. 2nd very close up. Recreio are third, and will probably finish their season in that position. The H.K.C.C. 2nd, who are occupying the bottom rung of the ladder, have still to register their first point. It is surprising, and perhaps unaccountable, that they do not seem to be able to make any headway.

There will not be much interest displayed in League cricket this week. Only two matches are down for decision, both in the Junior section. The University will receive Recreio, and although the visitors are regarded as much the better side, they might have some difficulty with the matting wicket, and find that scoring is not as easy as it looks on the small Pokfulam ground. The Indian R.C. 2nd will travel to Happy Valley to meet the "Tamar," and should win comfortably. The Indians would be well advised to try and arrange the transfer of venue to their own pitch at Sookunpo, as the Services' ground at Happy Valley is still in such a condition that it is certainly not conducive to enjoyable cricket. This suggestion, if carried out, would, I believe, be just as welcomed by the "Tamar" XI.

The Hongkong C.C. versus the "Rest of the League" match, to be played on Saturday, is being looked forward to with the keenest interest. This is probably the first match of its kind in the history of local cricket. The "Rest" XI, as published in the papers, are a strong combination. Civil Service have three representatives, four have been selected from Kowloon, and one each from University, Indian R.C., R.E. & S., and Chinese R.C. It is expected that the Club will get together the strongest side possible, which will probably include players from the K.O.S.B. and the Royal Navy, and a rattling good game should be seen.

LADIES' GOLF.

BOGEY COMPETITION RESULT.

The Bogey competition for a prize presented by Mr. W. W. Horrell was played over the New Course at Fanling yesterday and won by Mrs. Bernard Brown (handicap 18) who returned a card 6 up on bogey. Other scores were:

Mrs. Annett	(24) 3 up
Mrs. A. H. Ferguson	(20) all square
Mrs. Purcell	(20) 1 down
Mrs. Cameron	(16) 1 down
Mrs. Sutherland	(24) 2 down
Mrs. Whyte Smith	(15) 2 down

There were 35 entries. A prize has been presented by Mrs. Maitland for a competition on the New Course at Fanling under Match play conditions, 3/4 difference of handicap. The entrance fee is 50 cents on behalf of the S.P.C.A. Entries close on 31st January, and can be given in at the Club House or sent to Mrs. Maitland, 192, The Peak.

The Railway Cup, which has been played for during the past month over the Old Course at Fanling, has been won by Mrs. Allan Cameron (18) the runner-up being Mrs. A. H. Ferguson (20).

GOLF.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE AT FANLING.

At Fanling last Sunday Cambridge beat Oxford at golf by 6 points to 2. Results:

Foursomes.

Cambridge	N. L. Smith & C. Davidson	1
Oxford	E. H. Davis & F. Syme	2
	D. W. Trautman & E. R. Halliwell	3
	A. E. Wood & R. E. Linsell	4
	R. Sayer & E. W. Hamilton	5

Singles.

Fender (1 up)	1	Smith	1
Davidson (1 up)	1	Bewis	1
Linsell (4 & 2)	1	Halliwell	1
Syme Thomson	1	Wood (1 up)	1
Wolfe (2 & 1)	1	Trautman	1
Hamilton	1	Sayer (2 up)	1

Cambridge thus won the foursomes by 2-1, and the Singles, all of which were very hard fought matches, by 4-2.

Semi-Finals of Adamson Cup. In the semi-finals of the Adamson Cup, played at Happy Valley on Sunday, F. E. Booker beat W. McKay 4 and 3, and Glover beat C. A. Grimes 4 and 4.

THE INTERPORT.

SHANGHAI'S FORWARD LINE.

A cable has been received in Hongkong to-day confirming the composition of the Shanghai forward-line in their coming match with Hongkong on Chinese New Year's Day. The forwards will be: Baxter, Collico, Marcal, Li Wai-tong and Chen Chan-wo.

The team's reserves will be Sinclair, Read and Tordy.

SCOTTISH CUP.

WIN FOR ARTHURIE.

London, Jan. 25. In the first round of the Scottish Cup Competition, Nithsdale Wanderers lost to Arthurie, the latter winning by 2 goals to nil.—*Reuter*.

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Washington, Jan. 25.

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Apparently there have been no formal representations to the United States by European Governments, but it is learned that diplomatic representatives of the British, French and Dutch Governments have informally inquired with regard to the course the United States propose to take towards Mexico.

The importance of the matter to the United States may be estimated by the value of the oil interests approximately—C.\$1,400,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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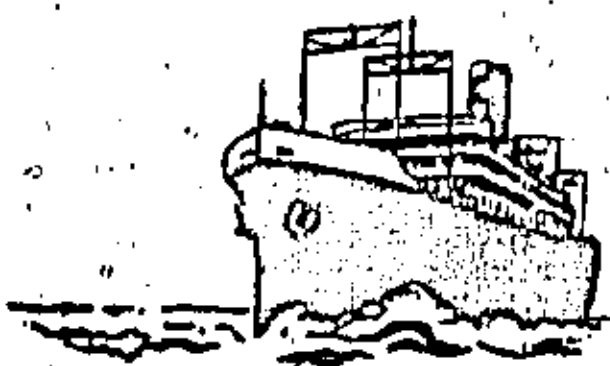
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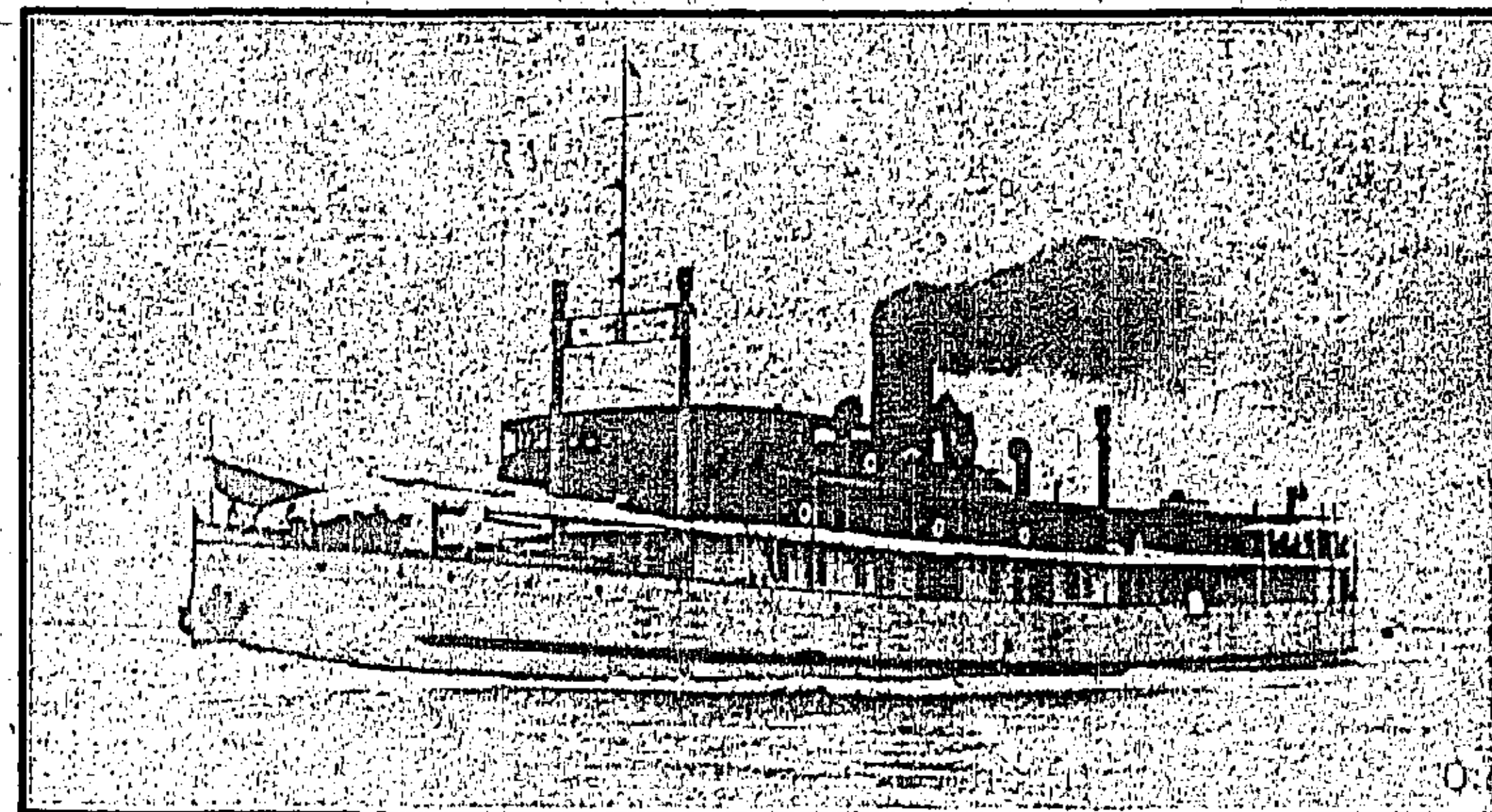
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BURNS NIGHT.

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talent, were occupied as were the high places of Israel, with idols of wood and stone. But all this and more has and had been done by thousands in our land whose love of their country was never questioned.

Burns' love of his country is written in too many undying lines to admit of any doubt; it is a love which may be laid up in every man's heart and practised in every man's life. (Hear hear). The following words are homely but particularly expressive, and may be well applied to the present day. The kettle of the Kirk and State.

Perhaps a clout may fall in't
 But dull a foreign tinkler loon
 Shall ever eat a nail in't
 Be Britons still to Britons true.
 Among ourselves united,
 For never but by British hands
 Shall British wrongs be righted.
 (Applause).

Gentlemen, might I most respectfully ask you to rise and join me in a silent toast to "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns."
 The toast was duly honoured.

The Lassies.

Mr. Donald Logan was entrusted with the toast of the Lassies. He said:

Mr. Chieftain and Gentlemen, it is my honour this evening to propose the toast of the Lassies. You will observe that I have not stated that it is my pleasure. The fact that I have omitted this, however, is not to be construed as meaning that I am either displeased with the task, or with the subject. Quite the contrary. It

is only that I cannot conscientiously include the making of speeches or proposing of toasts in a description of the word "pleasure." However, in the beginning, I rather jumped at the opportunity of proposing the toast, and it was only when people started questioning me as to "what I was going to say," that I fully realised its importance, and how very difficult it was. Not that I was without offers of assistance. Oh no, there was plenty of gratuitous advice, all incidentally from married men, and all, incidentally, widely diverse (laughter). My bachelor friends, be it noted, kept strangely quiet, whether from natural coyness or a desire to appear profound I know not. But from the Benedicts—well, I learnt about woman from them! Which prompts me to inquire how it is that a Lothario (supposedly gay of course) is always called upon for this toast. Surely some married man ought to do it, one who could speak really feelingly about the subject; one who has gone "through the mill" as it were!

All For 'Em.

But no married man ever does: I wonder why? (Laughter). Perhaps it is that none can find words eloquent enough. On the other hand, well, I wonder! Or is it that too many of them are in agreement with the Greek poet who has told us that—"Two happy days a man may prize: The day he weds his wife, the day she dies." In any case they should know more of the subject than the bachelors, but perhaps the reason why the latter have to perform the duty is because they come fresh to the task, full of enthusiasm, innocence, and illusions! Full of all the pretty and delightful things it is possible to say of the darlings. For my part I'm all for 'em and would like to sing, paens of praise to them. As one very profound thinker—I forgot his name—said: "Where would the world be without women?" Equally profound was the answer: "Where indeed?"

Gentlemen, have you ever paused to consider (without reference of course to biological considerations) what our world would be like if peopled entirely by men? No comforts of a home, no beauty, no love. No softening, no gentle influence in lives. Where else does that quiet understanding that makes a man beloved of men, come from, but from women? It is man's delight, like the dog, to bark and fight. Fight and bark he would if left to his own resources, and a grim, comfortless, loveless existence it would prove. Strong, soulless, silent men have, I know, succeeded in this world, but their success in the hearts of men, is negligible. Real understanding, borne from the love of women, is the quality that endears itself to all of us, and the fountain head of that quality is woman.

Four Real Loves.

In this wonderful world of ours, we men are born of them, weaned by them, fondled by them, taught the right from the wrong by them, and by them cherished all our lives. They raise us to the seventh heaven of delight, and plunge us anon into the depths of gloom. That a man should not fall victim to their charms is a mystery to me, I confess, and I feel very much in sympathy with the poet whose remembrance we are gathered here this evening to perpetuate and honour. Many people are still of the impression that Burns was a universal and inconstant lover, and point his poems as evident proof of his profligacy. As a matter of fact he wrote some two hundred and fifty love songs, and only three or four contain indelicate references; even these were not considered improper at the time he lived.

Notwithstanding the foolish or malicious statements that Burns had many lovers, he actually had but four real loves. One would in all probability have been his limit, if the first had accepted him and lived as long as he did! His first-bouts of love with Nellie Kirkpatrick (when he was 15) and Peggy Thompson (when 17), made him a poet, so it may be truly said that the lassies were in the main responsible both for Burns' great honour, and our presence here this evening. But these "adolescent loves" were not the loves of Burns' maturity. The first three women whom Burns loved after the age of 21 were Alison Begbie, Jean Armour, and Mary Campbell. The first refused him; he married the second, and was forced into freedom by her father; the third accepted his offer of marriage, but died before they could be married. The fourth woman whom he loved (Clarinda), loved him but could not marry him a fact recognized by both of them.

"To Mary in Heaven."

In support of the contention that Burns was in no sense a fickle lover, we must remember that he loved Mary Campbell not only till she died, but to the end of his life. The fact that he sat out in the stackyard on Ellisland, Farm through the long moonlight night with tears flowing down his cheeks on the third anniversary of her

death, and wrote "To Mary in Heaven" proves the depth and permanency of his love.

But I digress somewhat. It is my duty to speak of the lassies—not of Burns. Gentlemen, there is little in praise of them which each of you has not already anticipated. I know you all equally with myself respect them, and love them too, perhaps, or one of them. As for understanding them, I am reminded of a particularly notorious and successful lady killer of advanced years who, when asked to say what he knew of the lassies remarked: "Nothing—absolutely nothing. But by gad I love 'em!" (Laughter and applause). So gentlemen, I ask you to drink heartily to the Lassies. Bless them! May we all find favour in their eyes, and continue to treat and guard them with that respect, love and deference, which is the hall mark of the British gentleman. The Lassies, the pride of our bosom, the joys of our lives. (Applause).

Mr. McDonald's Reply.

Replying to the toast of the Lassies, Mr. C. M. McDonald said: Chieftain, gentlemen, the task I have been entrusted with this evening, I can only describe as being perilous in the extreme. The man who gives the toast of the Lassies—especially when he gives it with the grace and gallantry of Mr. Logan—will find himself, not merely safe as to life and limb, but exalted above his kind. On the other hand, the man who presumes to reply for the Lassies—pause, I ask you, to consider his plight. Most men find it requires all their courage merely to ask a Lass a simple question, and having received "yes" for answer, discover they are rarely able to raise their voices again. When hardened married men such as we have here tonight tremble to speak for one Lass, how shall a timid bachelor presume to speak for a whole kingdom of Lassies? How shall he dare to reply for a race that has produced, in the castle, Catherine Douglas, in the close, Jeannie Geddes?—a race famous still to-day for independence of mind, and the weight of a strong right arm!

A Dangerous Position.

Yes since I find myself in the dangerous position of having to offer a reply for the Lassies, let me at least take hope from one fact—the occasion on which I speak is to honour the memory of a Scot whose name alone has been, and still is, a charm to melt the heart, especially the heart of a Lass. Burns, who won so many hearts when he was alive, has captured all hearts since, chiefly through his love lyrics. The very first poem he ever wrote, when he was yet only fifteen years old, was to a "bonnie, sweet, sonsie lass," about his own age, who sang as she worked beside him in the field. This poem was but the forerunner—as Mr. Logan has told you—of a great many love lyrics, including some of the most exquisitely beautiful in the language. With Burns a name was poetry. He breathes the word Jean and—Oh that name inspires my style! The words come seldin rank and file.

Amidst before I ken.
 A Few Of The Lassies.
 But Jean is only one of the Lassies of the poet. There are also Nell, Peggy, Mary, Nannie, Eliza, Marie, Menie, Anne, Effie, Phemy, Chloris, Bell, Nancy, Phyllis and Choo. These are the Lassies, real and imagined, whom Burns has made immortal. How can anyone have a Burns—hope to make a fitting reply to a toast that includes the Nells and Peggys and Marys of the poet, the Nells and Peggys and Marys of to-day? Nor is that all. You may forget, but I, as the speaker, dare not forget the Lassies who will permit no mere man to speak for them. Thus, even though I am able this evening to invoke the magic name of Burns to placate the Lassies for daring so much as to rise to speak for them, I think, after all, discretion being the better part of valour, I shall attempt no reply to the toast, but I shall leave the Lassies to speak for themselves—as they always have done, as they always will. (Laughter and applause).

Rugby, Jan. 25.

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ALIPORE 5,273	8th Feb.	S'pore, Pang C'ho & B'bay
KIDDERPORE 5,334	13th Feb.	S'pore, Pang C'ho & B'bay
DELTA 8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Pang C'ho & B'bay
KALYAN 9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles London A'werp & Hall
NELLORE 6,853	2nd Mar.	S'pore, Pang C'ho & B'bay
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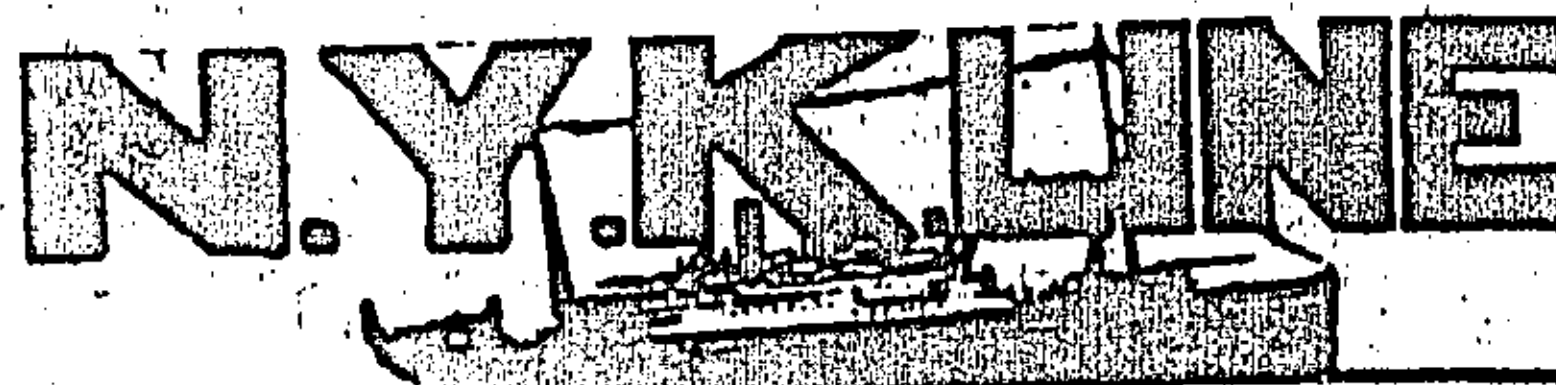
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MORIOKA MARU ... Monday, 31st Jan.

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PORTHOS ... A	15th Mar.	15th Mar.	15th Mar.
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BANGKOK	Obakang	Thurs. 27th Jan at noon.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kamsang	Satur. 29th Jan at noon.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai	Waishing	Sun. 30th Jan at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Mangsang	Tues. 1st Feb at 1 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Footsang	Fri. 4th Feb at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	Cheongsang	Sun. 9th Feb at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	Mingsang	Thurs. 10th Feb at 10 a.m.
OSAKA via Moji & Kobe	Leisang	Fri. 11th Feb at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kamsang	Fri. 11th Feb at 3 p.m.
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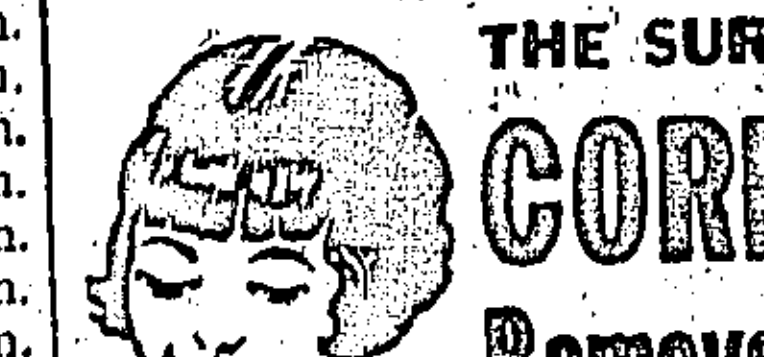
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday the 27th instant at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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"SUNNING" TRIAL.

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His presence in that boat, escaping from a burning ship, was not evidence of piracy. In fact, they had two other people in that boat who gave evidence for the Crown, a stevedore and the carpenter.

Reading the evidence of a witness who was unable to be present, Mr. Alabaster said that witness stated that he saw No. 8 prisoner in his proper cabin, No. 16, lying down and reading a book, and added that he never saw him walking about outside. A cabin boy, whose evidence was also written, confirmed the fact that he saw the prisoner in his proper cabin, and the only thing he said against the prisoner, which really amounted to nothing, was that he saw him with prisoners No. 1, and 2 examining the cargo register. The cabin boy did not say he saw No. 8 doing anything actually wrong. The cabin boy was not present to be questioned, but Mr. Alabaster submitted that it was only natural, as the Chinese were a curious race, that one who sitting on his bunk, seeing two men poring over a book, should join them to see what they were looking at. Captain Pringle had said the prisoner looked rather like someone he saw in the first class, but he was not at all sure.

MANY CLASSES OF LIARS.

The only witness who had said he saw No. 8 do a piratical act was a man named Tam Fun who was one of a discharged crew travelling on the Sunning. The cabin boy picked out No. 8 as a person who was in cabin No. 16 with prisoners 1 and 2 at a time when Tam Fun was himself being paraded as a suspect. He therefore saw No. 8 picked out by the cabin boy. In his evidence at the Police Court, that man had said that two pirates, one of whom was No. 8, who was armed, came down to the steerage and told them to be quiet. When he gave his evidence at the Sessions trial, he was asked twice by Mr. Nihill whether he recognised any armed man who went down to the steerage, and he replied "No." Mr. Alabaster submitted that he replied thus because he was not satisfied in his own mind about the man. Then he was reminded by his Lordship that he had said No. 8 was one of those who came down to the steerage. There were many classes of liars, commented Mr. Alabaster, but he thought the commonest was the man, who, having been reminded that he had told a story before which might be a lie, decided to stick to it.

The prisoner himself would tell them that he was a native of Formosa and had business connections there. He boarded the vessel at Amoy as a second-class passenger at Amoy and that he was seasick on the day of the piracy and did not leave his cabin. He looked at the book with first and second prisoners, out of curiosity, and then got into the lifeboat to escape from the burning vessel, remaining there until the arrival of H.M.S. Bluebell. The pirates themselves lay in the bottom of the boat, under cover, and the prisoner was too sick and ill to do any rowing. Mr. Alabaster concluded by saying that he would call two relatives of the prisoner with regard to his character.

Prisoner then went into the box and corroborated Mr. Alabaster's remarks, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. Nihill with regard to his business in Amoy as a doctor and druggist. In reply to questions, he said he was coming to Hongkong for the purpose of purchasing Chinese oils for use in connection with plasters, which was a new branch of business he was starting. He could not buy the oils in Amoy and was coming to Hongkong to make investigations.

The case is proceeding.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 25.
New York	48.55/10
Geneva	25.19
Milan	112.7
Stockholm	13.13
Oslo	18.09 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Madrid	20.58 1/2
Athens	370 1/2
Buenos Aires	40.7/10
Singapore	2.6/3
Yokohama	2.7/12
Paris	122 1/2
Brussels	34.00
Amsterdam	12.14 1/2
Berlin	20.47 1/2
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.42 1/2
Hamburg	2.7/12
Tokyo	5.77/32
Rio	1.6/3
Bombay	2.0
Hongkong	2.0
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	20

—British Wireless.

MORE FOOCHOW REFUGEES.

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cans not only in Foochow but also in other areas within Nationalist control are proceeding. The first batch of 50 moved to Manila from Foochow on the U.S.S. Pillsbury, and the second batch arrived here on the Haining, but there still remain a large number of American businessmen and missionaries in Foochow. Others are coming down to Foochow from up-country, and the number that still awaits evacuation from that port is estimated by Dr. Coole to be over 400.

LADY DOCTOR FORCED TO FLEE.

Other information gathered by a Telegraph reporter brought out a story which lies behind the looting of the hospital and home of Dr. Hu King-ang, the Chinese lady doctor who was one of the refugees arriving on the steamer.

Born in Foochow, Dr. Hu received her medical training in America and at the completion of her studies returned to her native province to take up medical missionary work in connection with the Methodist organisation. She it was who was called upon to make an independent examination of the bodies of the 27 babies who died in the Catholic Convent, and the story is to the effect that because she confirmed the report of other foreign missionaries as regards the natural causes of these deaths, and thereby somewhat spoiled the plans of the agitators to foment these sensational reports on the ignorant populace, the home and the hospital which she founded, in that city were looted, and she herself driven out.

Miss Hu, we understand, is proceeding to Singapore.

THE REFUGEES.

Following is a complete list of the refugees who came down to Hongkong this morning on the Douglas boat:—Mrs. P. Wiant and two children, of Alexander, Ohio; Mrs. E. Perkins, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lacy, of York, Nebraska, accompanied by their four children; Louise Ankeny, from the same city; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Steininger, of Detroit, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer, and daughter; Miss Ruth Lois, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Miss Mae Baucher, Stanton, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and daughter, of Marguerite, Johnstown, Penn.; Miss Minnie Baucher, Pandora, Ohio; Dr. C. G. Trimble, Mrs. Trimble and their three boys, from Seattle, Washington; Miss Mable Hartford, Boston, Mass.; Dr. F. H. Coole, of Chicago; Mrs. C. K. Beman and child, of the same city; Mrs. M. F. Farley and child, of Churches Ferry, North Dakota; Miss Esther F. Cooper, of Athens, Pa.

Others of the refugees who are not included in this batch of American missionaries are Mrs. U. P. Bevan, Mrs. Helbling, and the two Misses Oswald, the Rev. and Mrs. Carpenter of Manchester, England, and an Australian lady doctor, Mrs. Matthews.

Of Miss Crabbe and Miss Holbrook, the two English missionaries who were mobbed at Foochow, only Miss Holbrook reached here. She is in a state of prostration after her recent experience.

CHINA WAR RISKS.

INSURANCE RATES HARDENING.

London, Jan. 25.

Further inquiries as to rates to cover property in China against risks of damage by war or civil commotion were received in London yesterday.

Some quotations, after being rather easier lately, have since hardened. Five per cent. for a month is quoted on property in the International Settlement at Hankow. Two per cent. for a month and five per cent. for three months is quoted on property in the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Some large insurances have been effected in the last few days to cover risk of fire only, including risk of fire by war or civil commotion. Fire risk on certain property in Shanghai was accepted recently for a month at ten shillings and for three months at twenty shillings, but it seemed doubtful if further insurances on these bases could easily be effected, as some underwriters do not appear particularly anxious to increase their commitments as considerable insurances of this kind have been placed in the last few months.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION YESTERDAY.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi K.C.M.G. conducted the annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at the Murray Parade Ground yesterday evening. His Excellency, who was accompanied by Capt. Steele A.D.C., was met on arrival at the Parade Ground by Mr. E. Ralphs, Assistant Commissioner, Mr. H. Kom Tong and Dr. Moore. He was received with a Royal Salute and then inspected the Corps.

A demonstration was then given, His Excellency inspecting the results of the Corps' work. A hollow square was then formed and the Governor presented the trophies gained during the year.

Addressing the gathering he said:

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on a successful year of valuable work, during which every member of the Brigade passed a first aid examination. In its training the Brigade received much assistance from the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps as well as from the Matron and Sisters of the Military Hospital, where members of the nursing division attended for instruction during last summer.

The Brigade is much indebted to them and also to the medical practitioners of the Colony. During last year 146 accident cases were treated by the Brigade in addition to treatment of a large number of minor injuries. The Brigade attends all fires and race meetings and is prompt to answer any emergency summons.

For instance on one occasion such a summons was issued after 5 p.m. and at 7.30 p.m. forty men—more than the number required—had assembled, fully equipped with medical supplies and stretchers.

Colony Grateful.

At the request of the Chinese residents of Cheung Chau and Aberdeen members of the Brigade visited these places and vaccinated 635 persons. The Brigade has also helped in the first aid training of the Chinese police and firemen; and in June and July it gave life saving demonstrations at the public bathing beaches of the Colony.

The Government and the people of Hongkong have good reason to be grateful to the Brigade, and the Brigade in turn has good reason to be grateful to the Government, Commissioner Ralphs and all its officers for their enthusiastic work. The Brigade deserves and will, I am sure, receive support from the whole community of the Colony and I wish it increasing success and an ever widening sphere of usefulness as the years go by.

Ranks were then reformed and the Corps marched past and off the ground. There was a very large attendance which included many prominent local residents.

The Awards.

"Ralphs" Efficiency Shield. Annual Competition. The judges were Col. Boylan Smith, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C., Dr. Moore, Dr. Milward. The Shield was awarded to the King's College Division (formerly the "Saiyungun Old Boys' Division").

"Holyoak Attendance Cup," for best attendance at Drills and Lectures during the year. Awarded to the Railway Division.

"Lau Chu Pak Duty Cup," for best record of actual ambulance duty rendered during the year, awarded to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division.

"Ho Fook Efficiency Cup," for inter-squad competitions in the Railway Division. Awarded to Squad No. 1.

"Ho Tung Life Saving Cup," for proficiency in "Life Saving" bringing ashore a "dummy" from the water. Awarded to Yeung Tu-wah (Kowloon Division).

"Kadoorie Team Shield," for best Swimming Team. Awarded to the Indian Division.

"Chater Challenge Shield," for the best Division (Swimming). Awarded to the Indian Division.

"Ho Brothers' Cup," for the Brigade Swimming Championship. Awarded to A. K. Minu. (Indian Division).

"Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration" conferred on Lieut. Commander C. R. More, R.D., R.N.R.

Lord Stonehaven, the Governor-General of Australia, recently flew from Melbourne to Broken Hill in nine hours. His last visit to Broken Hill was made 30 years ago.

TO-DAY

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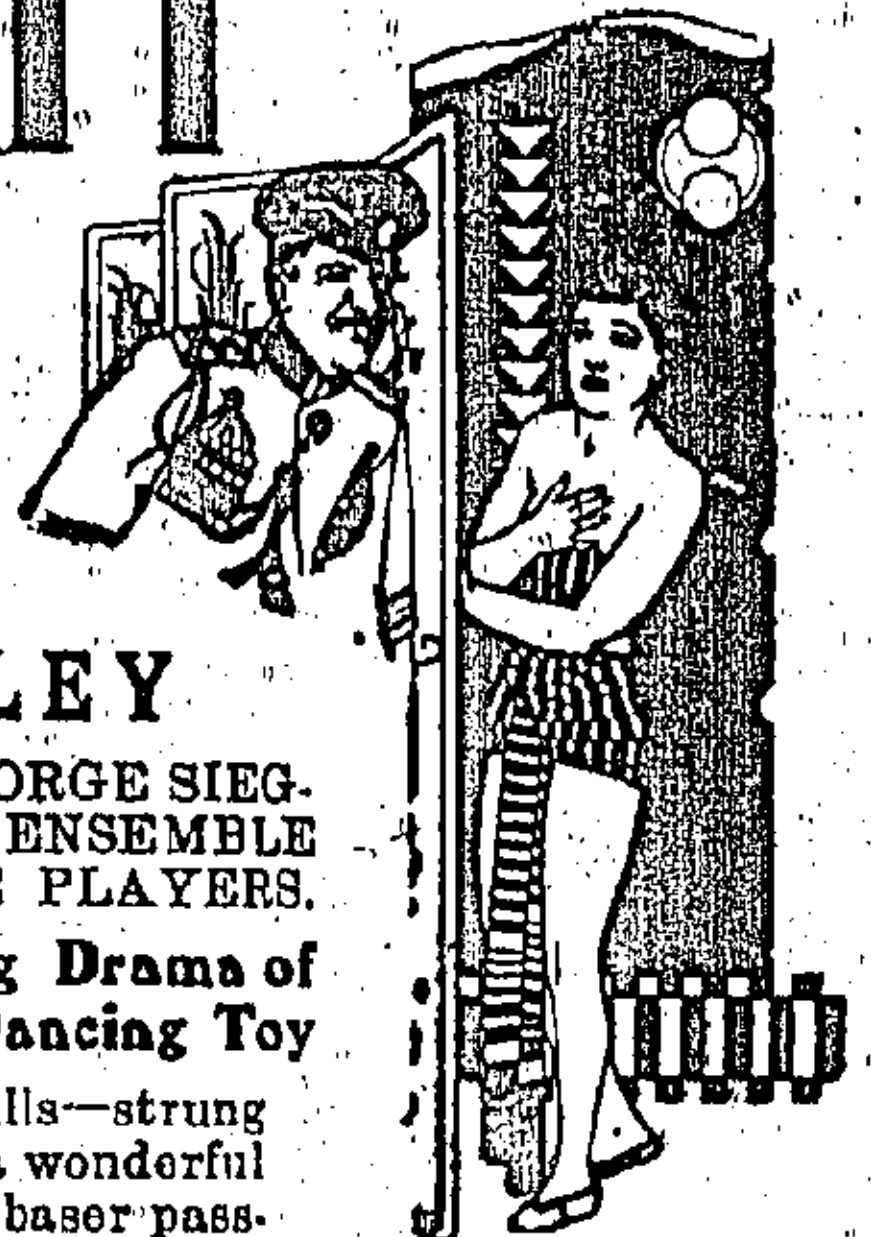
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